



Docklands Chaplaincy

Serving the people who work in Canary Wharf

Have you ever thought about chaplaincy to shop workers?
Would you enjoy visiting Canary Wharf more regularly?
Are you a good listener?
Do you enjoy being in a shopping environment?

**We are looking for volunteers to work as sessional chaplains
as part of the Chaplaincy Team to the retail community in Canary Wharf**

Retail Chaplaincy offers a structured visiting programme to people working in shops, cafes, restaurants etc. Chaplains are present as a sign of God's involvement in the world and their task is to respond appropriately to anyone they meet. By building bridges of trust, Chaplains are able to offer pastoral care and support to staff as well occasionally helping them to consider the values they work with, both formally and informally. Chaplains are in touch with the world of work and so able to offer insights. Chaplaincy keeps alive the possibility of another way of seeing both society and self; it sees beyond despair to hope.

Job description

The Retail chaplaincy team work within the Docklands Chaplaincy and will be expected to offer chaplaincy to all, not just their particular faith or denomination. They are appointed to work as chaplains by the Bishop's Chaplain and will work under her supervision. The appointment is to the Docklands Chaplaincy Retail Team, but it is envisaged that chaplains will usually be allocated a store or group of stores to visit regularly. Chaplains are expected to adhere to the code of conduct and working practices as set out in the Dockland Chaplaincy handbook. Initial training will be given to new team members and all members will attend monthly meetings of the chaplaincy team. *The Bishop's Chaplain will give ongoing support to help the chaplain through supervision and personal development, particularly during the probationary period* as the new chaplain develops their own way of working within the team. Sessional chaplains will be asked to give a minimum of two to three hours weekly (i.e. one core session) to the chaplaincy on a day which is both agreeable to them and the Bishop's Chaplain. Core sessions will be 09.30 -12.00 & 14.30 – 16.30 Monday to Friday, Confidential records of work undertaken will be kept by the chaplains. Reasonable expenses are payable by the Docklands Chaplaincy.

Chaplains' Profile

Chaplains will be committed to their faith and their lifestyle will demonstrate this. Chaplains can be lay or ordained and come from any denomination within their faith. Potential candidates will hopefully be people whose local congregations would sponsor and support their application. Chaplains will have an interest in people, be good listeners, willing to learn about the culture of the stores they visit and to become familiar with retail issues. Chaplains will need to respond to complex issues with discretion and sensitivity.

For further information and an application form

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