



## **Volunteer Role: Bridge Pastoral Care table leader**

**Hours: Tuesdays 11.15am-2.15pm**

### **Role description**

#### **Vision:**

As part of the Bridge team, enabling a flourishing community that has a transformative role in the lives of those attending for their lunch, giving compassion at the point of need.

#### **Overview:**

We are a caring community that looks out for adults who are isolated, homeless, unwaged, mentally challenged, elderly or facing a difficult life situation. We provide a mutually supportive community around a nutritious, hot, 3 course meal.

#### **Place of deployment:**

St Mary Magdalene Church, Magdalen Square, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, NR31 7BZ.

#### **Role description:**

- Lead a table of guests & share a 3 course meal together.
- To listen & give attentive support to those who attend.
- Engage with guests to improve their emotional, mental, physical & spiritual well-being.
- Signpost to available support and advice on site (such as our case worker, mental health worker, pastoral team, volunteer coordinator).
- Adhere to ethical practices, strict confidentiality, disclosure & safeguarding policies & use discretion at all times.
- Be open and accountable to the team about relationships forming, and particularly regarding interactions outside of the Bridge sessions (these should only take place with the knowledge and support of the team and Bridge leadership).

- Be able to maintain professional boundaries within a compassionate environment
- Through times of worry, pain & crisis offer support, prayer, spiritual guidance & ongoing communication.
- Be prepared to offer prayer during times of need and pray for the members of your table group in between times.
- Facilitate conversation around the table and build mutually supportive table communities.
- Encourage peace-making between guests.
- Share the gospel of Jesus Christ in words, as well as actions.
- Work to maintain excellent hygiene standards around food and kitchen/dining area (as guided, following excellent hand/food hygiene etc.as required).
- Assist with serving tables & clearing away or any other tasks needed on the day.
- Participate in the Prayer meeting & confidential Briefing and Debrief meetings within the team before & following the meal.
- Receive an appropriate induction.
- Be supportive of the vision and values of St Mary Magdalene Church.
- Be accountable to the PCC of St Mary Magdalene and follow the PCC's policies and procedures.

**Person specification:**

- Non-judgemental care and compassionate.
- Strong communicator.
- Pastoral care experience.
- Listening skills.
- Reliability.
- Responsibility
- Confidentiality
- Team player.
- Evangelistic concern and prayerfulness.
- Have a committed Christian faith

**Requirements:**

Provide two character referees (one ideally being your church leader)

Receive appropriate training, i.e. Foundation Adult Safeguarding, Level 1 Food Safety and have an enhanced DBS as required.

**How to apply:**

For more information please contact Sarah Simmons

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