

Volunteer Foodbank Packing Team Role Description

Vision:

As part of a community team, to have a transformative role in the lives of those in crisis and show compassion at the point of need.

Overview:

To aid the growing demand on the foodbank during Autumn and winter months by giving intensive time to packing bags in preparation for despatch.

Current vacancy shift available:

2 hour packing shifts in the afternoons (12noon-2pm or 2pm-4pm)
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and/or Fridays.

Place of deployment:

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

Role Description:

- receive appropriate training/induction
- working in the cabin/hall to pack dry goods into bags ready for despatch
- follow a carefully designed, nutritionally balanced packing list
- work to maintain excellent hygiene standards around food and the kitchen (as guided, following social distancing, excellent hand/food hygiene etc. as required).
- work in good partnership with other team members and leaders.
- to be responsible for the StMM building when working there alone, for welcoming visitors at the door, receiving donations with thanks and then kindly signposting anyone who comes, as per training.
- liaise with the line manager for briefings/updates and to debrief
- liaise with Foodbank colleagues about current operational practises and needs
- follow Church/Foodbank policies and procedures

Person specification:

- Non-judgmental care and compassion
- Humble attitude towards menial tasks
- Responsibility
- Reliability
- Self-motivated and self sufficient
- Able to carry out responsibilities with minimum supervision
- Enjoy working alone
- Fair level of Literacy
- Physically fit and able (to take part in regular light and heavy lifting)
- Sympathy with the Christian faith and willingness to support the Christian ethos of StMM

Benefits of volunteering

- Using your existing skills to make a difference
- Meet new people who share your passion to build and support the community
- Make a real difference to the running of your food bank
- Opportunity to train (in due course) for a Food Hygiene Certificate

Impact of your role

- Helping to provide for those in crisis with the kindness that comes with carefully gathered food
- Contribute to the wider team's work of pastoral care and signposting that comes with foodbank provision

Support and Guidance: You will be given the required training and induction before starting your role. Your line management will be provided by Anna Price, Community Lead at St Mary Magdalene Church. Line Management will be provided by regular, short briefings/debriefings at the start or end of each session.

Requirements:

Provide 2 referees

How to apply:

For more information please contact Anna Price anna.price@stmmgorleston.org.uk, Tel. 01493 494248 or complete our application form via www.stmmgorleston.org.uk