**Ministry to the elderly (Anna Chaplain) Job advertisement**

St Mary’s Parish Church, Portchester invites applications for the part-time post (20 hours per week) of Anna Chaplain to Older People.

**Salary:** £12 per hour (@ 20 hours per week = £12,480 annual) paid monthly in arrears and subject to tax, NI, and pension deductions.

**Travel Expenses** 45p per mile

**Holiday:** 28 days per annum including public and bank holidays (pro rata for the remaining part of 2022)

**Pension:** St Mary’s PCC operates a pension scheme: NEST. The employee statutory rate is 4%; employer 3% and the Government 1%.

The Anna Chaplaincy is a pastoral post promoting the spiritual and emotional welfare of older people, including those living in residential care homes and sheltered housing complexes, and offering support to their relatives and carers.

The Anna Chaplain reaches out to all, whether of Christian faith, other faith, or none. However, an important part of the work has also been the development of services of worship, particularly in care homes adapted to meet the range of needs of those who would wish to participate.

The increasing development of housing for older people in the Portchester area, and the fact that the Vicar of a growing church and parish does not have time to do the amount of visiting required,

has led to a realisation of the need to train and enable volunteers to support this work. The Anna Chaplain will not be required to do all the ministry to older people on their own and will be supported by the clergy and other volunteers, but should be able to build, lead and develop a team of volunteers to support them in this ministry.

The successful applicant would become part of a growing national network of such Anna chaplains within Bible Reading Fellowship, who will provide training.

To gain a fuller picture of the variety of work Anna Chaplains are undertaking please see [www.annachaplaincy,org.uk](about:blank) St Mary’s Church website: [www.stmary-portchester.org.uk](about:blank)

It is an occupational requirement for the person appointed to be a professing and practicing Christian, (able to pray with people) lay or ordained, and a communicant member of the Church of England or in sympathy with it.

If your usual place of worship is not St. Mary’s Portchester and to enable you to undertake your role you are required to attend St. Mary’s church at least once a month.

Enhanced DBS and references will be required. Full COVID 19 vaccination status will be required (in accordance with CQC Care Homes requirements)

Send a letter of application with a CV and the names of two references who can attest to your experience in working with older people. Applications to be in by **Thursday 30th June**. Interviews will be held during **July.**

**The starting date is Thursday 1st September** and there will be a special commissioning by the Bishop at our service on **Sunday 18th September 10.30am**.

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**Voluntary Post: ANNA FRIEND**

It may be that you could not commit to the role of Anna Chaplain, or are not successful in your application, but would still like to be involved in this ministry. Alongside the development of Anna Chaplains, another role has emerged: that of an Anna Friend. Such volunteers are proving invaluable as they work alongside the Anna Chaplains, often giving a few hours a week to suit their own circumstances and play to their strengths and gifts. In this way, whether as Anna Chaplains or Anna Friends, the Anna Chaplaincy movement is empowering more lay people to be part of supporting older people and meeting their spiritual needs. The PCC would also provide financial help with expenses and training.