

Please share with your leadership team.

## PORT CHAPLAIN

For the last twelve years I have been the Free Church chaplain at the Port of Bristol, based at the Seafarers centre at Royal Portbury Dock. I had no experience of working in this maritime world, but quickly found how interesting is the work and how important it is to provide hospitality and a friendly word to seafarers who come to these shores from all over the world.

I feel the time has come to hand over to a younger person, and have been asked to make enquiries around the area, to find a suitable man or woman, lay or ordained who would be willing to represent the Sailors Society at Bristol. The Society is the oldest of the seafaring charities caring for merchant seaman, and shares the work at Portbury with chaplains from the Mission to Seafarers (Anglican) and the Apostleship of the Sea (RC), together with a fulltime ship visitor provided by a Bristol church.

The work is unpaid but pays all your expenses, and you will be answerable to the Secretary and Senior Chaplain based at our Head Office in Southampton. I want to find a short list of possible candidates, and then the staff at Southampton will take over to interview and make the final selection.

I began by calling at Portbury once a week, and did regular ship visiting at Portbury and Avonmouth, but with the years have restricted my work to pastoral care of visitors and staff once or twice a month. Although we are a Christian unit, we exist to serve all seafarers regardless of race or religion. The centre is open 6 days a week, Monday to Saturday from 1300 to 2200 hours, we employ 2 shop managers and depend on a host of volunteers from the local community.

To begin with the volunteer will need to contact me for any further information, and to discuss the post without any obligation. Please ring: 01934 838742 or E-mail at: [tonyyatton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tonyyatton@hotmail.co.uk).

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