



## **Volunteer Role Description for Chaplaincy Team Volunteer: Prayer Support**

At LHM we want to ensure that those who are experiencing homelessness, social isolation or exclusion have a place where they feel that they belong, a community for those who come through the doors. Food provides us with a perfect opportunity to engage with people and allow us a chance to build relationships and trust whilst assessing their needs. We are able to provide support to people in-house for a number of issues they may be facing and those issues that we are not able to deal with internally, we can signpost to and even support a meeting/contact to ensure a smooth transition for the vulnerable person.

The Prayer Supporter Role is a new volunteering opportunity being set up at LHM to increase the Christian presence and support available for the work and people of the Mission. Your role as part of the chaplaincy team would be to provide prayer support in a variety of settings. This role has two main purposes; to support our mission aims through prayer for the events, activities and people of Lodging House Mission, and secondly to provide and oversee the provision of a prayer space for guests of the Lodging House Mission to support their prayer life.

### **You will be carrying out tasks such as:**

- Offer a Christian presence and provide specific prayer support to our staff, volunteers and guests.
- To maintain a welcoming and invitational prayer space for our guests.
- Support and encourage participants in their use of the prayer space and introduce available prayer activities and materials as appropriate as part of a three person team.
- Provide a listening ear and the ability to pray with and for those using the space if required.
- Participate in a regular prayer meeting for the events and people of LHM.
- Support the Chaplain in communication of prayer needs to our supporting churches.

### **The skills and attributes you should have:**

- Kindness, compassion and empathy are three key attributes – a friendly face makes people feel welcome and wanted
- An active Christian faith and openness to engage with those of other faiths or none.



- Being enthusiastic about the role you are undertaking
- To have a tolerant and non-judgemental attitude in the face of indifference or hostility
- To be able to work as part of a team as well as on your own
- Be over 18 years of age

### **How much time would you need to commit**

This is something that we can discuss depending on your circumstances and our needs at the time. We would recommend that you commit to one prayer meeting per month as a minimum to build relationships and connect with the team.

Our day centre runs from 8.30am until 3pm. The aim would be for the prayer space to be open to guests between 10 and 2pm. In addition, we would ask that you are able to take a regular slot within that time period. At the moment we are open Monday to Friday but hope to reinstate our weekend provision at some point in the near future.

### **What support can you expect?**

- A taster session to see if this is the place for you.
- An induction session
- The Chaplain will be the point of contact for guidance and pastoral support
- Training as necessary/required

### **What are the benefits to you?**

- Being part of a friendly, dynamic team
- The satisfaction of knowing that you are making a difference in someone's life
- The chance to use and develop existing skills and learn new things
- A learning, missional community in which to live out your faith.