



HOMEWOOD ROAD URC

Pastoral Assistant – Part time

Job Description

Purpose & Objectives

- To support the Minister & Eldership in befriending the housebound and elderly
- To be proactive in identifying and carrying out opportunities to engage with them and bring them together under the church's aegis

Main Responsibilities

- Working alongside resting and serving elders who deliver pastoral care, offer additional support as needed to members and friends of the church, particularly the housebound and elderly
- Visit members and friends in hospital and care homes
- Provide activities to bring elderly people within, and beyond, the church together eg tea and coffee mornings/afternoons
- Support the Wednesday Day Centre for the elderly
- Develop and advise new/existing pastoral visitors in pastoral skills
- Participate in Sunday worship and congregational events
- Act as a Safeguarding Officer for the church
- To take part in spiritual and professional personal development.

Skills

- An active Christian commitment
- Professional qualifications/experience in relevant disciplines e.g. /social work /education/counselling
- An enthusiastic and empathetic approach
- A willingness to be a team player
- Good communication skills

21 hours – 3 working days, including Sunday mornings

This is initially a 3 year appointment and it is anticipated that the salary will be pro rata of an FTE in the range £23,000 to £25,500 depending on qualifications and experience