



Newhaven Church
Committed to serving Christ, each other and the community.

Stewardship – Using your Time and Talents

Role: Welcoming vulnerable adults to Church

Background info: L'Arche has long standing connections with faith groups and other community groups in our area. We have had some recent contact with them because we have a long-standing regular attender at worship who has learning difficulties. They live independently but is brought to worship by their L'Arche assistant. We have been in contact with the Church of Scotland Safeguarding Service to ask for guidance on how to welcome all to worship, including this vulnerable adult, after realising that the way we had been doing this in the past was not compliant with current guidelines.

Duties: To welcome this vulnerable adult (and their carer) to Church.

They may choose to sit in the main sanctuary for the first part of the service until the children go out to their groups. There will be a table set up in the café area where they can then sit. The role of the church volunteer would be to sit with them. Be friendly and assist with getting paper, pens and stickers out of a folder and perhaps read a short Bible story from the selection provided. All that is need will be provided in the folder and can vary depending on how the time goes.

If it is an All Age Service, the volunteer would greet them and try to encourage them to come into the service and sit at the back of the hall. This might not suit them, and if so then the table set up in the café is the place to go.

When & How Often: ideally on a rolling rota with about six or seven volunteers which would mean carrying out this volunteer role approximately three times every four months.

Who would I be working with?: Alone, although you wouldn't have responsibility for the vulnerable adult as they are always accompanied by their carer.

What skills would I need?: A caring, friendly and open personality. To help the vulnerable adult and their carer feel part of Church, even though they may not be sitting in the service. Being able to display by your actions the love of Jesus.

Is Disclosure Required Y/N?: No, because the L'Arche carer will always be responsible for the vulnerable adult.

Who do I contact if I am interested or need more information?:

Please email volunteering@newhavenchurch.org.uk and we will put you in contact with the right person.