



Introduction to The Mission to Seafarers



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Around the world, The Mission to Seafarers provides help and support to the 1.5 million men and women who face danger every day to keep our global economy afloat. We work in over 200 ports caring for seafarers of all ranks, nationalities and beliefs. Through our global network of chaplains, staff and volunteers we offer practical, emotional and spiritual support to seafarers through ship visits, drop-in centres and a range of welfare and emergency support services.

The Mission to Seafarers South Tees Station is special – first because we operate completely through a volunteer base with no paid employees and secondly because we are deeply embedded in the River Tees’ integrated maritime community. Many of our team work on this vibrant and busy river and therefore have deep understanding of seafarers – indeed, we have current and former seafarers on the team including a serving Tees Bay Pilot and the former Harbour Master.



We know; we care; we understand. Throughout the pandemic we have worked closely with our Stella Maris colleagues to visit every ship at the gangway with essential items of toiletries, clothes, telephone top up cards, chocolates and biscuits and have provide a constant listening ear – albeit at a social distance.

Recently we have offered every seafarer the opportunity to go for vaccination, assisted by our Port Health, NHS and Emergency Planning colleagues.

Now we need to do more again; to take seafarers to the shops; to the Centre; to give them that home from home again.

However the pandemic has affected our volunteer numbers and we now need to increase our volunteer base again with both drivers of our beautiful Renault Traffic or being with seafarers in our newly decorated, bright and clean Centre. We have Covid-19 precautions in place and a full training regime.

Working with seafarers is that pivotal link to maritime education, experience and employment. Volunteering could be three hours per week, or a fortnight, or a month, whatever fits.

**If this appeals, please call
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