



## **MISSION PORT OFFICER, SOUTH EAST COAST (SHOREHAM to EASTBOURNE)**

### **Background**

The Fishermen's Mission, founded in 1881, maintains a Christian presence in United Kingdom fishing ports, in order to provide emergency, welfare, practical and spiritual support to fishermen. We are seeking to extend and develop our work with active and retired fishermen in the area between Shoreham and Eastbourne, together with their families, as part of our strategic plan to provide an effective and flexible service to the whole fishing community, however remote. The Fishermen's Mission is committed to exercising a Christian ministry amongst fishermen. This ministry is exercised with the utmost discretion, and the deepest sensitivity to those of all faiths and none. The focus is on practical response to emergency and welfare need. The Mission's work is often described as "Christianity with its sleeves rolled up".

### **The Role**

This is a part time post for which an equivalent of two day's work a week is expected. (16 hours) There is complete flexibility in relation to how the hours are constructed. Overall responsibility for the South Coast lies with the Mission Area Officer, which is a mobile role covering the area from Poole to Queenborough. It is expected that the Mission Port Officer will support the Mission Area Officer in the delivery of the Mission's work in the area in a number of ways, including the following:

- **An ability to respond quickly with pastoral, welfare, and practical support for fishermen and their families when accident strikes.**
- **A special emphasis on the welfare support of retired and active fishermen and their families, especially those in particular need – this is likely to include home and some hospital visiting.**
- **To participate in the development of good relationships with active fishermen in local harbours**
- **Spiritual support will include a willingness to work closely alongside local churches in exercising a Christian ministry to fishermen. This might include participation in funerals and other services if such help is requested.**

The Fishermen's Mission is a Christian organisation. It is an occupational requirement that the person appointed to the post is a practicing Christian.

Appropriate expenses will be paid. An ability to drive and access to a car is essential. Car use is reimbursed at 45 pence per mile. A mobile phone will be provided. Training and support will be available. An Enhanced DBS clearance is

required. This is a uniformed post and it is expected that uniform will be worn in the course of Mission duties.

The Mission offers ongoing support and training and it is hoped that the successful candidate will enjoy being part of a growing and rapidly developing team.

### **Terms and Conditions**

**Based:** From home but travel along the South East coast is expected

**Formal position:** Uniform wearing, salaried member of staff.

**Hours:** 16 hours per week

**Line management:** Local Mission Area Officer

**Annual Salary:** £7956.00 per p.a

**Probationary period:** 3 months.

**Group personal pension plan:** available on satisfactory completion of 3 months service.

**Life Assurance:** up to four times annual salary.

**Holiday:** 25 days annual leave plus public holidays, (pro rata is 13 days inclusive of public holidays).

### **Application and interviews**

- Application forms are available on the Fishermen's Mission's website [www.fishermensmission.org.uk/get-involved/vacancies](http://www.fishermensmission.org.uk/get-involved/vacancies) or via Hanna Taylor at [hannataylor@fishermensmission.org.uk](mailto:hannataylor@fishermensmission.org.uk)
- The closing date for applications will be Tuesday 23 October.
- Interviews will be held at our Head Office, Whiteley, Hampshire on Tuesday 30 October.

Appointment will be subject to receipt of satisfactory references and DBS clearance.



**David Dickens**  
**Chief Executive**