

Volunteering at Christ Church



Christ Church Cathedral

OXFORD

Thank you for considering volunteering at Christ Church!

Much of our life at Christ Church Cathedral would not be possible without some 600 volunteers who give their time and expertise to help in the ministry, welcome and worship of the Cathedral. If the idea seems daunting, don't worry: we welcome as much or as little as you are able to give. Our volunteers may give many hours, or just a few. They may be on a rota helping each week, or they may help just a few times a year. They come from many different parishes and often help in the Cathedral during the week while continuing to worship in their parish church on Sundays and in other ways continuing to share in the life and work of their home parish, although it is always wonderful to have members of the Christ Church community as involved with our life as possible.

As a valued part of the Christ Church team, in alternate years the Cathedral holds a special Garden Party for those who work as volunteers.

This leaflet gives information about opportunities to share in the voluntary work here. Don't worry if you have little experience: we will provide training and support where appropriate. If the work involves contact with children or vulnerable adults, then we will need to run a Disclosure and Barring Service check, as much for your protection as for those with whom you will be working.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the opportunities described here, or would simply like to receive further information, please fill in the attached form.

Revd Canon Edmund Newey, Sub-Dean

Volunteering Opportunities at Christ Church

Cathedral Guides

The way in which visitors are greeted is vitally important to our ministry of welcome. Cathedral Guides greet visitors to the Cathedral, supervise the Cathedral at busy times and answer questions about the present life of the Cathedral and its history. Some Cathedral Guides are also trained to lead guided tours.



School Guides

We welcome many school groups who come to learn about Christ Church and about Christian worship. Volunteers are always needed to support our educational team.

Supporting our Hospitality

We need help serving teas and refreshments on Sunday mornings and after special services from time to time.



Sidesmen and women, Readers and Servers

The visible participation of lay members of our congregation in services (especially on Sundays) reminds us that our worship is a shared ministry. Readers take part by reading from the Bible and Servers assist at the Eucharist and other special services. Our Sidesmen and women welcome people to services and ensure that services run smoothly.

Embroiderers

There is a highly skilled team of embroiderers who work in the Cathedral every Wednesday.

Flower Arrangers

Our expert flower arrangers meet weekly creating decorations and displays.

Bellringers

We have a dedicated and talented team of bellringers.

Cathedral Singers

The Cathedral Singers sing services when the Cathedral Choir is not in residence. Visit their website: www.cathedralsingers.org.uk



Christ Church welcomes about 400,000 people each year and our mission depends on our volunteers. We seek to be a supportive place for those who give time to share in our ministry.

**Further details can be obtained from the
Cathedral Visitor Officer**

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