

CAN YOU HELP?

We warmly invite new volunteers to join those who already share in the Cathedral's work.

The Cathedral is always seeking people to join the community of volunteers who welcome visitors, keep the building clean and assist in so many other ways. Without them we simply could not operate in the way we do.

We wish to develop the welcome given to our visitors who attend services and events and this creates a need for more volunteers.

We believe you would enjoy being a volunteer. Existing volunteers speak of their pleasure at being part of the inheritance of the Cathedral. You would meet new people and become part of a diverse and fascinating community, as well as taking up something new and challenging.

There are openings for volunteers in a surprisingly wide variety of roles. In some cases training is required, in others you can start straight away. Roles typically involve a one- or two-hour session weekly, though some are more or less.

WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

If, after reading this leaflet, you'd like further information about volunteering please complete the slip on the reverse of this leaflet and send it to:

The Cathedral Office
9 The Close, Winchester, SO23 9LS

If you're delivering this in person the office is open from 9am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm Monday to Friday.

Alternatively, call our Volunteer Coordinator Hilary Dunwoody on 01962 857200, or email volunteering@winchester-cathedral.org.uk

CARING FOR OUR VISITORS

Welcoming Stewards

Our front-line for welcome as visitors arrive in the Cathedral, helping them get their bearings.

Cathedral Guides

Guides take visitors on tours around the Cathedral and also answer questions from those who choose not to take a full tour.

Information Desk Helpers

Helpers provide information and general guidance to visitors and sell booklets and cards. Importantly, they also bid visitors farewell.

Library and Triforium Gallery Stewards

Our Library houses the famous Winchester Bible and many other fine books. The Triforium Gallery houses the Cathedral's museum containing important historical artefacts. Stewards help in both.

Calligraphers

Some experience is preferred for people wishing to join the Scribes but training can be given.

Children's Workshop Helpers

Activities are organised during school holidays, as well as for the many schools' visits during term-time. Volunteers help to supervise and enthuse.

Tower Assistants

Assistants operate the locks and lights, helping the guide taking a tour of the tower and roof spaces.

Cathedral Café

Our very popular Café is manned by paid staff and other helpers. Volunteers assist in front-of-house duties at the servery counter and with table service.

Cathedral Shop Assistants

Our shop, manned largely by volunteers, sells a variety of booklets, gifts and souvenirs.

CARING FOR OUR SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sidesmen

Sidesmen, both men and women, show people to their seats at services. The warm welcome shown to those coming to worship is very important to us.

Servers

Servers assist in ceremonial duties at the Eucharist.

Bellringers

Experienced ringers are preferred but training can be given.

Event Stewards

The Cathedral holds community events both in the Cathedral and in the Close, all of which require stewards.

Hospitality Team

This team helps support the Chapter when refreshments are offered at various events in the Cathedral calendar. Food preparation is not involved.

REPLY SLIP

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CARING BEHIND THE SCENES

Holy Dusters and Brass Band

This immense building, whilst keenly attended to by paid staff, also has volunteers helping with dusting and polishing, keeping the Cathedral looking its best.

Flower Arrangers

Flower arrangers prepare and maintain the floral decorations, both for normal times and also for special occasions.

Vestment Care

Some vestments are both old and precious so suitable experience is preferred but training can be given.

Deanery Bookstall & 'Cloisters' Charity Shop

These two ways of raising funds for the Cathedral, both are mainly run by volunteers.



Large print versions of this leaflet are available from the Cathedral Office on request.

The Chapter operates an equal opportunities policy for all of its staff and volunteers.

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SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Do I have to make a specific commitment right from the outset?

No. We will need to know what interests you and what time you can offer. Discussion with the Section Head aims to identify mutually agreeable opportunities.

Are all the jobs listed here?

No. There are other small groups, such as Litter Pickers, so please contact us and we will try to fit you in.

Can I do more than one thing?

Yes. Many people are members of a number of teams.

Will I be trained?

Yes, where needed. Guides undergo extensive training but other roles require less and some none at all.

How much time will I be expected to give?

Most sessions are one to two hours. Roles vary in what is expected but typically look for around one session per week. Generally Section Heads set up a rota so that volunteers have a list of what is being asked of them.

What if I find I can't make it?

Usually you will need to contact the Section Head. A stand-in will then be provided if possible.

How cold is the Cathedral?

Winchester is one of the warmer Cathedrals but it can get a bit chilly in the winter. Dress-codes (where they exist) take account of this!

Is there parking?

Permits to park in the Close are available to use when on duty but, unfortunately, a space cannot be guaranteed. There are also many public car parks nearby.



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VOLUNTEERING AT THE CATHEDRAL

Opportunities for all



Do you, or someone you know, have some time to offer as a volunteer at the Cathedral?

If so, we would love to hear from you!