

Volunteering for Truro Cathedral is a rewarding experience. As a volunteer you will have a chance to contribute to Cathedral life, meet new people and gain new skills. There are lots of opportunities for you to give as little or as much time as you like. These information sheets will show you some of the ways you can get involved . . .

What next?

If you are interested in any of the areas listed in the following pages and want to find out more, you can either email volunteering@trurocathedral.org.uk or call 01827 276782.

Worship & Pastoral Volunteer Teams

Bell Ringers	Our skilled bell ringing team ring for all the main services as well as weddings, memorials and special occasions. This group enjoys an active schedule outside of the Cathedral too.	Practice every Tuesday from 7.30pm
Brass Polishers	Known as 'The Buffers' our brass polishers meet twice a year before Christmas and Easter to make sure everything gleams beautifully during our festivals.	2 hours twice a year
Camera Operators	Our internal TV system shows our services, concerts and other events live to everyone in the Cathedral. As camera operators and editors, this team plays a key role contributing to these important community events.	Varies depending on schedule. Major services - usually day. Events - usually evenings
Children's Church	Our Children's Church meet every Sunday during the 10am service. Those involved provide a stimulating and creative environment for a mixed age group of children to help them interpret the service.	1 hour on Sunday mornings
Communion Assistants	Communion Assistants are invited by the Cathedral Chapter to fulfil these roles and are authorised for this ministry by the Bishop. They help with the distribution of Holy Communion and are sometimes asked to take the Sacrament to housebound people.	Regular attendance at the Eucharist on Sunday and Holy Days
Servers	Servers assist with the liturgies leading processions, preparing the altar for the offertory and receiving collections. Servers will, more often than not, be members of the congregation.	Duties according to an individuals availability

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Flower Guild	Members of The Flower Guild are responsible for all the beautiful floral arrangements in the Cathedral. They have exceptional skill with flowers and an experienced eye for colour and design working to a large scale.	1 session 2¼ hour session per week on a Saturday morning 8.15am – 10.30am (a week off every 6 weeks)
Lay Assistants	The Guild of Lay Assistants is as old as the Cathedral itself. It provides a vital service during acts of worship and is the interface between the Cathedral and those attending services. Members of the Guild are recruited by the Guild Warden in consultation with Cathedral Chapter.	Varies depending on availability
Sewing Guild	The Cathedral's Sewing Guild plays a very important part in conserving its vestments. They are skilled in sewing and embroidery.	1 morning session a week on a Tuesday
Pastoral Team	Our Pastoral team is trained to carry out a range of pastoral support within the community of the Cathedral congregation. This important work can involve bereavement support, home visits, transporting to appointments and taking communion to those who are unable to come to the Cathedral.	Commitment can vary depending on the role and the individual's availability



Commercial & Operations Volunteer Teams

Shop team	<p>Our shop volunteers play a vital role in the day to day running of the Cathedral shop. They support our staff during busy times and over quieter periods assist with restocking, stock counting and pricing goods. They are friendly with customers and have good service skills.</p>	1 half day per week
Hospitality/ Catering	<p>There are lots of catering events through the year and volunteers join our catering team giving support with setting up, clearing away, serving refreshments and dealing with the public.</p>	Varies, as and when required.
Mail shot team	<p>The Cathedral send mailings out promoting activities and events. We have a team of volunteers who get together three times a year and fill envelopes for posting. (This usually involves tea and cake to keep everyone going!)</p>	2 hours three times a year
Events Team	<p>The Cathedral runs all sorts of events during the year and our Events Stewards help with lots of tasks on the day from moving chairs, to taking tickets and welcoming guests. They are often in a 'front of house' position, are smart, organised and like working as part of a team.</p>	Varies, as and when required, mostly evenings
Organ Recital Team	<p>The Cathedral runs regular organ recitals from March to October. This team are often front of house welcome visitors, checking tickets and seating while generally helping the Events Manager and the Vergers to ensure things run smoothly.</p>	1-2 hour commitment each recital, once a week or when available lunchtime or



Hospitality & Education Volunteer Teams

Guides	Our trained Guides host tours of the Cathedral. They are very friendly, enthusiastic and knowledgeable about all aspects of the building. They regularly speak to groups of the general public.	One or two 1 hour tours per month with more opportunities for special booked tours.
Stewards	Our volunteer Stewards provide a warm welcome to Cathedral visitors during the day giving them any guidance or general information they need.	One 2 hour session per week - Easter to October (less in other months).
Chaplains	Sharing the Cathedral's ministry of welcome our Chaplains are a visible presence interpreting the building and its significance for the Christian Faith. They focus thoughts and prayers on the hour simply and briefly, are available for visitors to speak to and ready to listen offering spiritual advice and counsel where appropriate.	Average 4 duties per month 10am – 4pm. (Chaplains must hold a Bishop's Licence)
Sunday Coffee	Sunday Coffee team provide tea and coffee after the 10am service offering a perfect opportunity for the congregation to socialise.	5 times a year.
Learning Assistants	Learning Assistants like to inspire children to learn and create, helping with formal school workshops and on our free informal 'Messy Table'. Volunteers must be friendly, confident and approachable.	Flexible; Formal workshops: 10-12noon & 1-3pm, Mon-Fri. Informal: School Hols, Saturdays 11am-2pm
Snippers	Our Snippers team support the education programme by preparing craft resources used by visiting children.	Thursdays 10am - 12noon
Education R&D interns	To keep our learning programme fresh and interesting we occasionally have opportunities for interns to assist on small research projects.	1-2 half days a week, fixed term

