

Get involved



**Truro  
Cathedral**  
*sacred space, common ground*

## **Volunteering opportunities**

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. Here are some ways you can get involved . . .

If you are interested in any of the areas listed and want to find out more call 01872 276782 or email [volunteering@trurocathedral.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@trurocathedral.org.uk)



## Worship

| Role                        | About   |
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| <b>Priest Vicars</b>        | Are ordained ministers invited to support the worship programme.  |
| <b>Communion Assistants</b> | 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.<br><b>Average time commitment:</b> regular attendance at the Eucharist on Sunday and Holy Days.  |
| <b>Lay Assistants</b>       | 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. <b>Average time commitment:</b> Varies depending on availability.                                       |
| <b>Servers</b>              | 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. <b>Average time commitment:</b> Duties according to an individual's availability.   |
| <b>Children's church</b>    | 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. <b>Average time commitment:</b> 1 hour on Sunday mornings. Opportunities with this group will usually involve the need for a criminal records check with the Disclosure and Barring Service. |
| <b>Bell ringers</b>         | 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. <b>Average time commitment:</b> Practice every Tuesday from 7.30pm  |
| <b>Brass polishers</b>      | Known as 'The Buffers' our brass polishers meet twice a year before Christmas and Easter to make sure everything gleams beautifully during our festivals. <b>Average time commitment:</b> 2 hours twice a year.   |
| <b>Flower Guild</b>         | 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.<br><b>Average time commitment:</b> 1 session 2¼ hour session per week on a Saturday morning 8.15am – 10.30am (a week off  |



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|                                     | every 6 weeks).   |
| <b>Sewing Guild</b>                 | The Cathedral's Sewing Guild plays a very important part in conserving its vestments. They are skilled in sewing and embroidery. <b>Average time commitment:</b> 1 morning session a week on a Tuesday. |
| <b>Hospitality Team on a Sunday</b> | Sunday Coffee team provide tea and coffee after the 10am service offering a perfect opportunity for the congregation to socialise.<br><b>Average time commitment:</b> 5 times a year.                   |

### Welcome and learning

| Role   | About  |
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| <b>Chaplains</b>   | 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 are ready to listen, offering spiritual advice and counsel where appropriate. <b>Average time commitment:</b> 4 duties per month 10am – 4pm. (Chaplains must hold a Bishop's Licence). |
| <b>Welcome Stewards</b>  | Our volunteer Stewards provide a warm welcome to cathedral visitors during the day giving them any guidance or general information they need. <b>Average time commitment:</b> One 2 hour session per week - Easter to October (less in other months).  |
| <b>Tour Guides</b>   | 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. <b>Average time commitment:</b> One or two 1 hour tours per month with more opportunities for special booked tours.  |
| <b>Education Team (incl. Snippers &amp; learning assistants)</b> | Our Snippers team support the education programme by preparing craft resources used by visiting children. <b>Average time commitment:</b> Thursdays 10am -12noon.<br>There are sometimes opportunities for Learning Assistants to support the work of the Education Officer. <b>Average time commitment:</b> can vary depending on the need.   |
| <b>Pastoral team</b>   | Our Pastoral team is trained to carry out a range of pastoral support within the community of the cathedral congregation. This important work can include such areas as bereavement support, home visits, transporting to the Cathedral, Baptism preparation and taking Communion to those who are unable to come to the Cathedral. <b>Average time commitment:</b>  |



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|                       | Commitment can vary depending on the role and the individual's availability. Opportunities with this group will usually involve a criminal records check with the Disclosure and Barring Service. |
| <b>Gardening team</b> | A team of committed volunteers help with the upkeep of the flora and fauna within the cathedral bounds.   |

## Events, office and retail

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| <b>Shop team</b>         | Our shop volunteers play a vital role in the day to day running of the Cathedral shop. They support our staff during busy times serving customers and over quieter periods they assist with restocking, and pricing goods. They are friendly with customers and have good service skills  |
| <b>Office assistants</b> | Various admin volunteering roles are available from time to time. These help support the operational activity of the cathedral.   |
| <b>Events team</b>       | 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.<br><b>Average time commitment:</b> varies, as and when required, mostly evenings. |
| <b>Choir assistants</b>  | There are sometimes opportunities for individuals to get involved in helping out with the choir during tours and events. These opportunities will usually involve a criminal records check with the Disclosure and Barring Service.   |
| <b>Camera operators</b>  | 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. <b>Average time commitment:</b> varies depending on schedule. Major services: usually day. Events: usually evenings                               |