

SOUTHWARK

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Day Chaplains

Southwark Cathedral welcomes a large and increasing number of people every day. Some are tourists visiting a fascinating historic building. Some are worshippers coming either for private prayer or to take part in a service. Some are people who come looking for support, comfort or advice in varying degrees of personal need.



The marks of our community are:

- Confidence in God and the Gospel
- Passion for those on the edge of society
- Engagement in vibrant theology and teaching
- Prayerful service of our Bishop and Diocese
- Love for London and the world

What is a Day Chaplain?

Some are active Readers, some have permission to Officiate, some are retired priests, some are Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries, some come from completely different walks of life. People who bring to the Cathedral pastoral skills which equip us to minister appropriately to people who may need a listening ear, who may need someone to pray with or for them, who may be asking for practical help, and who may be displaying signs of mental illness, drug or alcohol abuse. To help distinguish us, we wear a cassock (the Cathedral has cassocks available that will fit most sizes) with a Cathedral volunteer's lanyard (obligatory for all cathedral staff and volunteers).

What would you do?

- Day Chaplains conduct brief hourly prayers from one of the lecterns and read the Epistle or first lesson at the lunchtime Eucharist.
- Help with pastoral ministry during our period of duty, even if this necessitates missing hourly prayers or the lunchtime service.

Time Commitment

Most Day Chaplains undertake duties to equal approximately one day per month, Shifts are divided between morning (starting with 10.30 prayers), and afternoon, although timings can be flexible to meet personal wishes and needs.

Application process

- This role requires the applicant to complete an enhanced DBS check. This will be conducted by a member of staff at the Cathedral.
- Potential volunteers are asked to complete an application form.
- Invitation to attend an informal chat where potential volunteers will have the opportunity to ask questions. Please note that references will be requested before the informal interview.
- A recruitment decision will be made and if successful, a start date is agreed.

What would you gain as a volunteer?

- The opportunity of supporting a place of worship and historic London Landmark
- Invitations to meetings and Cathedral events
- Discounts in the Cathedral Shop and Café.
- More volunteer benefits are outlined in the volunteer handbook on the website

Other Useful Information

- Day Chaplains have a six months probationary period and carry out their first duties with another experienced colleague.
- They are given induction training, health and safety and other training available to all Cathedral volunteers.
- Day Chaplains are requested to attend a four-monthly meeting at the Cathedral when Cathedral Policy and issues arising from their work are discussed and ongoing training and support are available.

If you think you might be interested in joining the Day Chaplains team, please contact the Volunteer Officer, Sharda Rozena on Sharda.Rozena@southwark.anglican.org.

If you wish to apply please download the application form on the volunteer webpage and send the completed form to Cathedral.Volunteers@southwark.anglican.org.