

SOUTHWARK

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Junior Xpress (Sunday School) Leaders

On Sunday mornings, the Cathedral offers children and young people structured learning Cathedral community.

An unsupervised Crèche space is available in the Education Centre during the 11am Eucharist for parents and carers to take their children if they choose not to stay in church.

JuniorXpress 1 (JX1) is for children from the age of 4 to the end of school year 3.

Junior Xpress2 (JX2) is for children in school years 4-6.

YouthXpress is for young people from the age of 11, and meets fortnightly.



What would you do?

- Volunteer within a team of leaders and assistants. Both age-groups follow the Bible readings being used in church that day, the leaders selecting and preparing appropriate age-related activities.
- Welcome the children, ensure the Register is filled in, then lead the session.
- At the end of the session, take the children into church for Communion, either returning them to their parents on route or staying with them as a group until the service ends.
- The leader and assistant return to Ed Centre after church to complete clearing up.

What we are looking for?

- **JX1 and JX2 Leaders** - Leaders are regular worshipping members of the Cathedral congregation with the skills, temperament and background to assist the children in their learning. Leaders are neither parents nor schoolteachers, but should be able to establish a friendly, creative and supportive relationship with the children and ideally with their parents.
- Theological training is not essential, but familiarity with Christian faith, liturgy and the Christian Year and a willingness to pray with the children and to be a role model are expected.
- A willingness to be flexible, covering other team members' duties when needed, is desirable.

Application process

- Potential volunteers are given a copy of the role description and are asked to complete a short application form.
- References are requested on return of the application form.
- Invitation to attend an informal chat where potential volunteers will have the opportunity to ask questions.
- Leaders are subject to Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks.
- A recruitment decision will be made (dependent on references and results of DBS checks) and if the applicant is suitable a start date will be agreed.

Training, induction and support

Most leaders begin as assistants and learn what is required by working alongside an experienced leader.

There is a termly planning meeting with the Sub Dean. Occasional diocesan courses are also available. Leaders are supervised by the Sub Dean.

The appointment will be for 3 years renewable by mutual agreement and subject to a short probationary period.

Other information

There will always be two members of the team on duty for each session who each commit to one Sunday a month.

JX leader and assistant should arrive soon after 10.30am in order to ensure that all is ready and welcoming for the children arriving before 11.00am.

If you have any questions please contact the Sub Dean and Canon Pastor Michael Rawson on Michael.Rawson@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.