

HALIFAX
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Halifax Minster is a diverse community. Its members participate in its mission and ministry in a host of different ways. It is a magnificent building with over 900 years of history, but still today it relies upon its teams of volunteers who play an essential role in its day-to-day life. Without them the Minster would simply not function. New volunteers are guaranteed a warm welcome!

Why volunteer?

- You may wish to serve Halifax Minster as an extension of your faith
- You may love the beauty and awe of the building, its history and its architecture
- You may enjoy helping people whether it be a listening ear or telling them about the Minster story
- You may wish to get out and make some new friends



What our Volunteers mean to us ...

Halifax Minster has an incredibly busy schedule. We hold regular daily services as well as provide a venue for numerous events, concerts, lectures, exhibitions, school visits and even filming. We could not continue all this activity without the invaluable help of our volunteers. As a Minster volunteer you will become part of the amazing team that keeps this magnificent building a vibrant, welcoming place for all who come here.

What you can expect from us ...

We want you as a volunteer to have an enjoyable and memorable experience. To ensure this happens you can expect us to provide:

- A clear job description that will enable you to carry out your role confidently
- Appropriate training with the support of your team leader
- Support, friendship and community life
- An opportunity to learn new skills
- A chance to network and learn more about the Minster projects
- A chance to be part of the history and heritage of this magnificent building

What we can expect from our Volunteers ...

- To provide the best possible experience for all those coming to worship or visit
- We welcome volunteers from all faiths and none and from all backgrounds
- We encourage everyone to work together for the good of the Minster

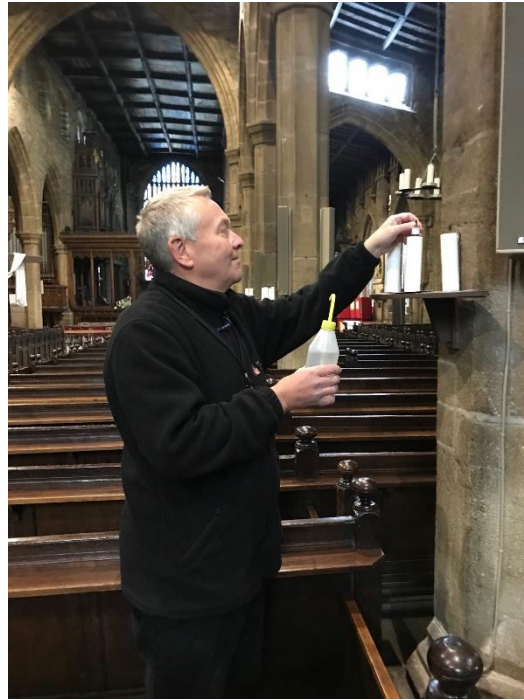
We are looking for people who are:

- Sympathetic to the Minster's core mission
- Positive in outlook and willing in approach
- Open minded and friendly
- Approachable and engaging
- Punctual and reliable
- Happy to work as part of a team
- Supportive of all Minster policies and procedures

Whatever the reason the rewards are immense! You will gain so much from the experience from forming new friendships to gaining valuable work experience.

Below we list a cross section of the many volunteering opportunities available at the Minster.

Bedesmen: Bedesmen are appointed by the PCC to assist the Vergers in all aspects of Minster worship.



Minster Guides: Our community of Volunteer Guides undergo a rigorous and fascinating course of training which enables them to offer exceptional quality tours of the Minster.

Gardeners: Our Grounds Staff are always pleased to hear from people willing to help them tend to the gardens and perimeter that surround the Minster.

Hospitality and Bars: An important part of the Minster's Benedictine mission is to offer hospitality to all people. We are therefore always pleased to receive offers of help with serving tea and coffee after services to serve drinks in the interval at concerts etc.

Marthas: Marthas help to clean the specific areas of the Minster on a regular basis.



Ministry of Welcome: Lay people from any Christian denomination offer a spiritual ministry of welcome to all who come to the Minster.

Servers: Servers assist the clergy with worship at all our main services in the Minster on a rotational basis.

Stewards: Stewards show people to their seats, take the collection and generally help at all our main services and events in the Minster.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer please contact Alan English, Executive Officer to the Vicar, on 01422 355436 or at webmaster@halifaxminster.org.uk

Statement of Policy for the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults

In accordance with the current regulation all staff and volunteers at Halifax Minster who have regular, one-to-one, unsupervised or overnight contact with children or vulnerable adults will be required to have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and complete a Confidential Declaration.

All staff and volunteers whose contact with children and vulnerable adults is occasional may not be required to have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check but they will be required to provide two references and complete a Confidential Declaration

