



# ELY CATHEDRAL

## DAY CHAPLAIN

### VOLUNTARY ROLE

#### Purpose:

- To welcome people to the Cathedral in Christ's name.
- To be pro-active in greeting visitors, listening to their concerns, encouraging them to engage spiritually with the Cathedral and use the opportunities for prayer and reflection that are available (eg votive candles, prayer cards).
- To be available and sensitive to those who are seeking spiritual counsel from a priest or minister.
- On the direction of the Canon for Learning and/or Day Chaplain Coordinator, to lead Midday Prayers from the pulpit whenever your shift includes midday and, on Wednesdays and Fridays, to also lead a short act of worship, (a Service of the Word) at 12.15, normally in St Catherine's chapel.

#### Duties:

- Involves leading midday prayers within set parameters.
- Being willing to work flexibly and respect the needs of the Cathedral's timetable.
- Requires professionalism and integrity, as well as a degree of physical fitness as it involves walking around the building engaging with visitors in an appropriate manner.
- Involves offering pastoral support to visitors, having good judgment as to offering prayer with them, etc.
- Offering appropriate support and interaction with those working within the Cathedral.
- Being respectful of people of other faiths and no faith, and of different cultures; and working well both as individuals and as part of the wider team of volunteers and employees.
- Requires all Day Chaplains to engage in a programme of induction into role and a willingness to engage in continuing professional development [CPD].
- Attendance at any compulsory events e.g. Health, Safety, anti-terrorism.
- Requires Day Chaplains to be comfortable with electronic communication.
- Are responsible to Chapter and liaise with the Canon in Residence when needed.

#### Person Specification:

- Any individual who is an ordained or licensed minister of a denomination within Churches Together in England may offer for this ministry.
- Are committed to positive interaction with all visitors – of faith or of none.
- Can minister sensitively to a wide variety of visitors, worshippers and pilgrims.
- Must provide a suitable reference.
- Have well-developed social skills.
- Have confidence to work with new people and can minister effectively to those they will meet only once.

- Are flexible.
- Are willing to undertake reasonable requests (like introducing midday concerts, etc.).

## **Time Commitment:**

- The shift patterns are 10.00 - 12.05, 11.55 – 14.00, and 14.00 – 16.00 Monday – Saturday. Anyone unable to attend a full shift is welcome to come in between 11.45 - 12.30 just to cover the midday prayers. On Sundays, there is only one shift: 13.00 – 15.00. For those who occasionally do a full day a free sandwich, jacket potato or bowl of soup is available from the Almonry restaurant.

## **Training:**

- Day Chaplains, because of the potential for one to one interaction with children and/or vulnerable adults are required to undertake a DBS check every 3 years, and to complete/attend Safeguarding Training (Basic Awareness, Foundation, Leadership and Domestic Abuse) every 3 years.
- Day Chaplains must be aware of the advice given in the Cathedral Safeguarding Handbook.

## **Supervised by:**

- Ely Cathedral Licensed Lay Minister.