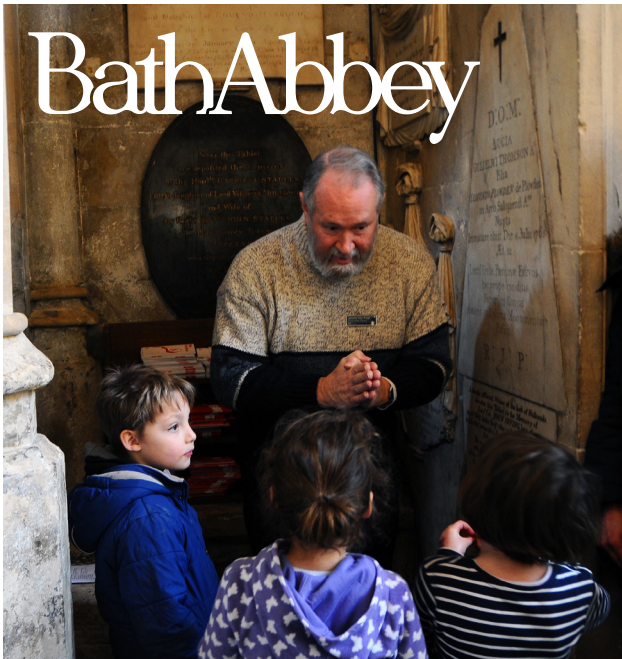


# Bath Abbey



## Giving time and talents

Supporting the life and work of Bath Abbey

“God has created us and given us everything that we have. Giving is our heartfelt response to the love of God for all that we have received.”



Much of our giving of time and talents will be to serve God in the wider world, rather than in specific Church activities. However Christian Stewardship also calls us to offer our time and talents for the work of the church locally – and we are hugely grateful for the great generosity of the many, many folk who serve so faithfully here at Bath Abbey.

As part of our response to the Abbey's "2020 Vision", you are invited to consider prayerfully what you can offer to and through the ministry at Bath Abbey, and to complete the tick boxes inside this booklet ...

## My Offer of Time and Talents

As you will see in the response section over the next few pages, there is an opportunity for each of us to make fresh offers of the time and talents God has given us, and also to express continuing commitment to the existing roles we may have at the Abbey.

We warmly invite everyone in our Abbey Church Family and wider community to complete this booklet and return it to the Rector, as it covers both offering help for the first time and the chance to re-express your commitment in roles you already do.

**Please note that the voluntary roles listed on this occasion are those where we are currently in need of the most new faces**, not the full list. If the role you help in isn't listed but you would like to continue in it, please write it under the end section 'other ways I currently help'. Both new and existing offers are hugely appreciated!

Where offers for new roles have been made, our Rector will arrange for the appropriate ministry team leaders to contact folk as needed, to give more information and to take your offer forward.

**Thank you!**

## Response section

Name

Phone number (home and/or mobile)

Email address

Abbey services usually attended

**When you have completed your response please deliver to the Abbey Office, or email to [rector@bathabbey.org](mailto:rector@bathabbey.org)**

### What happens if you receive too many offers of help?

It is possible some of these roles may (happily) end up being over-subscribed. Should that happen we will let you know, and we thank you so much for your willingness to serve nonetheless. (No doubt further opportunities will arise later!)

### How long am I signing up for?

Commitments will normally be expected to last for a 2 year period - after which a similar exercise will enable everyone to reassess their stewardship of time and talents afresh.

### Are there any qualifications I need? Should I provide a C.V?

We do not ask for a C.V or any specific qualifications as these are voluntary roles. Certain roles may be subject to an interview with a member of the Abbey clergy, and/or safeguarding training and a DBS security check.

## Supporting the Sunday Services

Role	Description	Example Commitment	I help already	I would like to know more
<b>Abbey Singers</b>	Parish voluntary choir (who often sing during holiday periods)	Occasional Sundays		
<b>Bell Ringing</b>	Join the Bath Abbey Bell Ringers, (complete beginners and experienced campanologists both welcome!)	Sundays and Mondays (practice night)		
<b>Sunday Coffee</b>	Preparing and serving refreshments after the 9.30am service.	Sundays at frequency to suit you		
<b>Sunday Welcoming</b>	Saying hello inside the door, handing out service books, guiding to seats	Sundays at frequency to suit you		
<b>Sunday door Steward</b>	Situated outside the Abbey, welcoming those who wish to worship	Sundays at frequency to suit you		

## Supporting the Sunday Services (Continued)

Role	Description	Example Commitment	I help already	I would like to know more
<b>Intercessions Leading</b>	At 9.30am services, with training given	Sundays at frequency to suit you		
<b>Reading Lessons</b>	At 9.30am and 11.15am services, with training given	Occasional Sundays		
<b>Serving (Robed Altar Assistant)</b>	At 9.30am and 11.15am services, with training given	Sundays (e.g. 1 in 4)		
<b>Prayer Ministry Team Member</b>	New team to be trained and available at certain services	TBC		

## Midweek Ministries

Role	Description	Example Commitment	I help already	I would like to know more
<b>Choir Support Team</b>	New volunteer roles to support our choirs in a variety of practical ways	Mostly midweek (and some Sundays) to suit you		
<b>Vestry Sewing</b>	Linen care, sewing repairs etc.	Occasional		
<b>Leading a Home Group</b>	Enabling fellowship, prayer and bible study	Pattern to be decided by the group		
<b>Hosting / Leading a Contact Group</b>	Enabling local congregational support in your home area	Meets twice a year		
<b>Prayer Meeting Attendance</b>	Supporting prayer meetings for the Abbey's mission	Once or twice a month		

## Supporting our Children and Young People

Role	Description	Example Commitment	I help already	I would like to know more
<b>Junior Church</b>	Helping run children's activities at 9.30am services, teaching our children about Jesus through play and guided discussion, in three age groups (between 5 & 12 years)	Sundays at frequency to suit you		
<b>Crèche Assistant</b>	Showing God's care (for children aged 2 to 4) during 9.30am services	Sundays at frequency to suit you		
<b>Youth Ministry</b>	Assisting our Youth & Families Minister with bringing Christianity alive for a whole new generation	TBC		

# Visitor Welcome

Role	Description	Example Commitment	I help already	I would like to know more
Event Assistants	Helping to host mid-week Abbey events (e.g. talks / concerts / forum debates / family activities / etc.)	Occasional; could be any day of the week		
Stewarding	Engaging with visitors in the Abbey, exploring our history, architecture and mission	Minimum once a fortnight		
Welcomers	The first face visitors see when they enter the Abbey (you welcome, give out leaflets, ask for donations / gift aid and sell tours)	Mon - Sat shifts are: 10am- 1pm, 1pm - 4pm & 4pm - 6pm  Shorter shifts on Sundays between services		

Other ways I currently help at the Abbey (thank you!)