**Sample Volunteer Choir Member – Role Description**

**SUPERVISION**: Assistant Director of Music

**TIME COMMITMENT**: Rehearsal for one hour on selected Tuesdays (18.30-19.30); rehearsals and services as per the termly schedule.

**PURPOSE OF THE ROLE**:

The Volunteer Choir is an adult chamber choir which deputises on several occasions each term for the main Cathedral Choir. It is an auditioned, robed choir and is part of the Cathedral Music Department. The majority of its work is to sing for services in the Cathedral, although on occasion it may also sing concert or services elsewhere.

**VOLUNTEER PROFILE**:

* Experience of choral singing, preferably to a high level in a cathedral / chamber choir setting.
* Willingness to commit to a relatively busy schedule of services and to pursue a high standard.
* An understanding of the teamwork required to make any choir successful.
* Understanding of the liturgy and worship of the Cathedral.
* Enthusiasm for the life and work of the Cathedral.
* Ability to meet all the musical criteria set out at audition.
* Willing to undertake training which is carried out during rehearsals. Rehearsals take place most Tuesdays. It is also hoped that singers might consider taking singing lessons alongside their duties to continue to improve their technique.
* Aged 18 or over.
* Able to use initiative and judgement within procedure boundaries.
* To support the phased re-opening of the Cathedral after the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown.

**DUTIES**

* Attendance at all rehearsals and services according to the termly schedule.

**EXPECTATIONS**:

* An understanding of and empathy with the operations of a working Cathedral as we emerge from lockdown.
* To adhere to all government and on site social distancing guidelines.
* Volunteers at the Cathedral are expected to be in sympathy with the aims and purpose of the Anglican Church.
* An ability to meet all the musical requirements and to improve on those where possible and necessary.
* To be representatives of the Cathedral and at all times treat other volunteers, staff and visitors with respect and consideration. Volunteers should expect the same treatment in return.
* Volunteers are expected to dress and conduct themselves appropriately for the environment in which they are assisting
* Respect and maintain confidentiality.
* Volunteers should be familiar with the Cathedral Health and Safety Policy and the Safeguarding Guidelines.
* Volunteers are expected to notify their Manager if they are unable to attend for their volunteering session.

**TRAINING**

All volunteers must undergo

* Safeguarding Training – Level C0

*A higher level maybe required depending on the role*

Induction training which will include

* Health & Safety
* Fire
* Security
* 1st Aid (role dependant)

**The Cathedral is committed to safeguarding children, young people and**

**vulnerable adults**

**SAFEGUARDING RESPONSIBILITIES**

* Implement safe and healthy working practices
* Risk assess all activities
* Listen to other workers and volunteers
* Protect yourself
* Tell the Cathedral Safeguarding Rep or Clergy of any safeguarding concerns, however minor.
* Attend any Safeguarding training at the appropriate level for your role
* Induct and train others where this is possible.

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| **Do** | **Don’t** |
| * Report all concerns about safety or well-being of an individual to the The Cathedral Safeguarding Rep, The Diocesan Safeguarding Team or to the Police (where there is an immediate risk of harm to a person)
* Carry out a personal risk assessment for lone working if appropriate
* Keep a written record of all incidents or disclosure (signed and dated)
 | * Offer confidentiality when you have a duty to report all concerns for safety
* Investigate disclosure; simply get clarification of detailed and report the information shared
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**BENEFITS**:

* Musical training of a high standard, the chance to sing music in the Anglican choral tradition within the context of carefully-prepared liturgy in a beautiful space;
* Active participation in the life of the Cathedral
* Excellent training, including occasional access to experts and specialists
* Meeting and sharing knowledge with visitors from across the world
* Skills and CV development
* A digital parking permit on the Cathedral’s ANPR system for use when on duty on a first come, first served basis.
* Refreshments available (see bullet point 6 of additional information).
* Access to 2 of the 10 free tickets allocated to Volunteers per Cathedral organised event on a first come first serve basis
* 10% discount in the Cathedral Shop and Café (subject to them re-opening).

**SPECIFIC BENEFITS:**

* You play an important role in helping facilitate the Cathedral’s emergence from lockdown.
* You become part of a passionate and dedicated team.
* You play your part in a historic moment in the life of the Cathedral.

**SPECIFIC TRAINING:**

* Attend a bespoke training/induction session prior to starting your first shift.
* Depending on additional advice received from the UK government or Church of England, you may be required to attend additional sessions.

**ADDITIONAL COVID-19 INFORMATION:**

Every member of staff and volunteer must also take responsibility for their own **personal safety and that of others**:

* If you are advised to shield by the government we do not recommend that you volunteer.
* Volunteers must not have shown any symptoms at least 14 days in advance of attending.
* If you have any symptoms including a dry, persistent cough, high temperature or loss of smell and taste you must not attend and should seek medical advice and inform the Cathedral immediately.
* Volunteers will be asked to adhere to guidelines and protocols around personal hygiene and social distancing.
* Volunteers may be required to wear PPE.
* Refreshments are not able to be provided. Volunteers will need to bring their own to avoid cross contamination.

Dress code is smart casual and your ID badge must be visible at all times. You are recommended to wash and change your clothes each day.

*Reviewed December 2020*