

Helping at Services

Assisting the Clergy Team

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When you come into church for a Communion service, you might have spotted that besides the clergy, there are a number of 'helpers' usually dressed in white, who carry out various activities such as lighting and holding candles, helping to put things on the altar or carrying the Gospel book. We are called sacristans, servers and chalice ministers, and we all work together to help the clergy team and make everything go smoothly. Ideally you will hardly notice we are there during the services!

Having lots of different people who take their turn at these roles is a sign of a lively church, and we would love to have even more people who want to take part! With a lot of willing volunteers, it really doesn't take up much of your time, and we welcome everybody from the young to the mature – after all, anyone can hold a candle, and you'll really see what goes on behind the scenes and at the altar in a busy and friendly church on Sunday!

So, if you want to be helpful in church and you can't ring the church bells or sing well, contact Ann or Rod Pierce and we'll be very pleased to show you what is involved and arrange some training. We operate a rota so you shouldn't need to be available more than about once a month.

Assisting the Churchwardens

Contact: The Parish Office, 01483 567716 or office@holytrinityguildford.org.uk

The churchwardens are assisted by a team of people who help with the following:

Sidespeople and Hosts: greet people on arrival, give out service sheets and newsletters and help to make them feel welcome, especially if they are new to the parish.

Readers: there are one or two readings at each service, which are normally read by members of the congregation. Some training is available for volunteers.

Intercessors: intercessions (prayers) are usually led by a member of the congregation following a set pattern.

There are rotas for all the above helpers, compiled by the churchwardens, usually for 3-4 month periods. If you want to volunteer, talk to one of the churchwardens after any of the services, and they will explain what is involved or contact the Parish Office and we will put you in touch with the relevant person.

Coffee

Contact: Yvonne Bishop, 01483 452917

Every Sunday after the 10am Eucharist at Holy Trinity a group of volunteers serves freshly percolated coffee, together with tea, squash and decaffeinated coffee either at the back of church or in the Trinity Centre.