

Altar Serving Team

(Also known as ‘Servants of the sanctuary’)

Who is eligible? Those who attend the 11am Choral Eucharist or are willing to do so; baptised and communicant members of the Church in Wales. Adults, older children and teenagers are welcome to join the team.

Skills needed: All training is provided; previous experience is welcome but not essential. Volunteers must be able bodied and able to carry cross or candles, moving in coordination with others and memorising the ‘choreography’ of the service.

Role: to assist at the Eucharist by carrying the processional cross, candles and sometimes thurible (incense); leading processions, assisting in preparing the altar, and escorting the gospel book. The role includes setting up before the service and clearing up afterwards.

Training: is provided with walk through beforehand and gradual introduction of the various roles. This job demands a reverent, orderly and unhurried manner.

Time commitment: the head server draws up a rota; frequency on the rota depends on the number of volunteers. Servers arrive early to robe and be briefed on the day’s team, and to help set up for the service. As well as every Sunday at the 11am Choral Eucharist, servers are needed for special services in Lent, Easter, Holy Week, Christmas and other festivals. Some of these services are held in the evenings.

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