

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL

Lay Pastoral Assistants



Encountering God through transformative worship,
challenging discipleship, generous hospitality
and prayerful engagement.

Lay Pastoral Assistants at Portsmouth Cathedral

What is a Lay Pastoral Assistant?

The Cathedral's Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA) are trained and authorised to engage in pastoral ministry on behalf of the Cathedral, working as part of a team of clergy and laity.

We work with children and young people, the sick, the recently bereaved, the elderly, the housebound and may take communion to those unable to come to church.

In addition we provide support to the clergy in supporting baptism families and those who are about to be married.

Our Lay Pastoral Assistants focus on pastoral care, but an individual's ministry varies according to their gifts and skills, and the local situation. Their remit is wide, but basically it is all about being good neighbours!

What do Lay Pastoral Assistants do at Portsmouth Cathedral?

There are many lonely people in Portsmouth who have no-one to call on when they are in need.

If you, or someone you know....

- is in need of a friendly chat
- needs help with shopping
- requires assistance with a medical appointment
- needs help filling out a difficult form
- or needs some other help

...then our Lay Pastoral Assistants are there to help!

Perhaps you have noticed someone, who may normally be a regular church attender, has been absent from the Cathedral – we could make a tactful enquiry to check that all is well.

How can I contact a Lay Pastoral Assistant?

After the main Sunday morning service, there will be a Pastoral Assistant on duty to talk with and who can take details of anyone needing help.

Alternatively, you can contact either the Cathedral Offices or speak to a Cathedral Guide who can pass on details to the Lay Pastoral Assistants.

How can I become a Lay Pastoral Assistant?

Do you have a sense of vocation to this ministry? Is this affirmed by others? Are you able to help with this area of the Cathedral's work?

Being a Lay Pastoral Assistant ministry is a vocation, not just a job. We are looking for the following qualities in a potential Lay Pastoral Assistant:

- Able to demonstrate pastoral sensitivity with good listening skills
- Baptised, confirmed and a regular worshipper and communicant at the Cathedral.
- Rooted and grounded in their local community, trusted by those around them
- Committed to work within the local team of clergy, ministers and LPAs
- Able to undertake some study and coursework to engage in continuing ministerial development

Those interested will also need to complete an enhanced DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) clearance and will receive a comprehensive training programme including safeguarding.

In all cases, the ministry calls for a loving and compassionate heart, and a willingness to listen and support those in need. Interested? Then please contact:

The Canon Chancellor,
The Reverend Canon Peter Leonard
Portsmouth Cathedral Office
St Thomas's Street
Old Portsmouth
PO12HA

Tel: 02392 823300

Email: info@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk

Regular Services

Sundays

8.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am	Choral Eucharist
6.00pm	Choral Evensong
8.00pm	Taizé-style Night Prayer (last Sunday in the month)

Weekdays – (please see the Service List and website for any changes to service times)

7.45am	Morning Prayer with Holy Communion (except Saturday)
12.00noon	Holy Communion (Wednesday and Friday only)
6.00pm	Choral Evensong or Evening Prayer (5.00pm on Saturday)

Details of service times can also be found on the [Cathedral website](#) and on the [Service List](#).

Cathedral Offices

Please direct any general enquiries by contacting the Cathedral Office.

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