



Ways of being involved in the life of St Mary's Church

A church community is a place where we can belong, receive, connect and contribute. All of these threads we find joy and life giving and allow us to give ourselves to others.

The checklist below set out some of the ways you might be involved.

If you want to talk to a clergy person first, please email our vicar, Rev'd John Whittaker at John.Whittaker@parishofputney.co.uk or by phone 07906 759 326.

If you would like more information about different opportunities to be involved and volunteer in the church community, please print your name, email address and phone number below and tick the relevant boxes returning the form to Julie.Craig@parishofputney.co.uk The organiser of that activity will then get back to you with more information on how things work so you can decide if it is for you.

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Being Involved In Sunday Worship

	Stewards and hospitality team. At the 10 am Sunday Parish Eucharist, this group of people provides a welcome to people arriving and refreshments afterwards
	Reading the Bible Readings at the 10 am Parish Eucharist
	Leading the intercessions (the prayers) at either the Parish Eucharist or Caritas. Support and training is given for this role
	Stewarding, reading or leading the prayers at Caritas the 6pm weekly service for adults. Some people do all 3, some just one or two of these roles
	Servers at the altar Adults and children in Year 3 or above can join and training is given
	Bell ringers The bellringing team meet on Mondays at 7.30 pm and also ring before services. Full training given
	Choir the adult choir sings weekly in term-time at the Parish Eucharist in the morning or at Caritas in the evening. They practice on Tuesdays from 7.30 pm
	The St Mary's Junior Choir our children's choir (for children from Year 3) meets on Tuesdays from 5.30 pm and sings at some services
	Technical and Sound Support at the 10am or 6pm services.

Growing In Faith

	Bible Study and Book Groups
	Theology in the Pantry meets on Monday evenings as an informal discussion group
	Wednesday lunchtime Eucharist 12.30pm in church. Many stay to share a café lunch
	Exploring Christian Faith A course for adults wanting to learn more about the Christian faith runs from time to time.

Caring For People And For God's World

	Parish Action Committee raises money for the charities we support; plans volunteering opportunities for the congregation and raises awareness of the issues. They meet about every 6 weeks to plan and lead work
	Parish Action volunteering on an ad-hoc basis for fundraising events or to work directly with the charities the parish support
	Pastoral Care Group People who offer to visit the lonely or vulnerable in the parish
	The Supper Circle A chance occasionally to prepare and deliver a home-made meal to someone who could do with the help, because of illness, a new baby or house-moving etc

Helping Our Children Grow

	Sunday School from pre-school to year 8. Teachers are given training and support and work with a more experienced colleague. Run alongside the Parish Eucharist at 10 am
	Crèche each Sunday during the Parish Eucharist for babies and toddlers from 12 months
	Toddler Social Play – Praise – Song for babies and toddlers. Join Mousy, the Church Mouse, on Tuesdays. Join in the fun! Parents/childminders/grandparents and pre-school children on Termtime Tuesday mornings in the Lancaster Hall upstairs in church, 10-11am
	Godly Play Is offered to Sunday school children and our church school. Training is given
	All Age Worship Clergy and volunteers plan and run services at 10.00am on Sundays where all ages are in the service

Caring for the church and the church community

	Maintenance Group working alongside Berni, the buildings manager, it helps with small maintenance, professional advice, clearing and cleaning
	St Mary's Flowers keep the church looking beautiful by arranging flowers week by week, watering or arranging. Support and training (for those who want it) is given
	The Parish Magazine Produced 3 times a year, there's a small editorial group and a wider group of volunteers who write from time to time or promote the advertising
	St Mary's Church Council Elected each year at the AGM, members are responsible for the mission and finances of the church. Shadowing or observing is welcomed.

<p>The Parish of Putney Parochial Church Council. Elected each year, the PCC is responsible for the work of both ST Mary's and All Saints and plans the ministry we do together. Again observing is welcomed.</p>
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