

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Lay Chapter members sought for Chichester Cathedral

Over 900 years of welcome and worship

Chichester Cathedral's Vision and Purpose is:

“Through imaginative worship, inspiring music and art, engaging teaching and generous hospitality, we will be a place of transformation where our human experience finds its meaning in the unconditional love and compassion of God.”

About the Cathedral

Chichester Cathedral is a renowned place of daily Christian worship, teaching and hospitality, welcoming visitors from its city, the Chichester Diocese and around the globe. It is supported by a committed worshipping congregation and a dedicated staff team, nourished by excellent liturgy and music, and draws hundreds of thousands of visitors and pilgrims each year as well as offering a broad ranging programme of Learning and Engagement activities.

Today the Cathedral also presents a comprehensive events programme and has a trading arm, Chichester Cathedral Enterprises Ltd (CCEL), offering hospitality, catering and retail services that support the Cathedral in delivering its mission. It owns and manages a number of properties, many of them listed, in the Cathedral Close and beyond.

The Cathedral building itself is a Grade 1 listed blend of Norman and Gothic architecture and a fusion of the ancient and the modern: it houses a unique collection of 20th-century paintings, tapestry, sculpture and glass.

A major roof restoration project is partway through, part of ongoing work to safeguard the building and its treasures for future generations. The Cathedral does not receive statutory or Church of England funding and is self-supporting, relying on self-generated income, donations and fundraising activities.

Further information about Chichester Cathedral can be found here:

[Chichester Cathedral](#)

[Chichester Cathedral Annual Report](#)

The Opportunities

This is a voluntary ‘non-executive’ position - rather like being a Trustee - and is an exciting and rare opportunity to be involved at a strategic level, supporting the sustainable development of the Cathedral and the delivery of its mission.

The people we're seeking

Chapter is enriched by the wide mix of skills and perspectives that its members bring. In particular we are looking for applicants who – as well as bringing expertise in strategy and governance – will be able to contribute their specialist experience to support particular areas of the Cathedral's operations. We particularly encourage applications from women, disabled and BAME candidates, as these groups are currently underrepresented on Chapter.

NB: There is a Genuine Occupational Requirement (GOR) for Lay Chapter Members to be practising Christians and demonstrate a deep and demonstrable affinity for the Christian faith.

More information about the role can be found in the accompanying document: Chichester Cathedral Lay Chapter Member Role Description.

Next Steps

If you would like to arrange an informal and confidential conversation before applying please contact Nicola Smith, PA to the Dean and Communar, 01243 812492 / nicola.smith@chichestercathedral.org.uk

To apply, please send:

- a current comprehensive CV outlining your key achievements in previous and current roles;
- a supporting statement, explaining how you believe your skills and experience match the requirements of the role, and crucially, your affinity for the Christian faith;
- details of two referees (who will not be contacted without your prior consent).

To val.timlin@chichestercathedral.org.uk by 2 March 2020.