



Volunteer Application Form

For Volunteers involved at St Thomas Church, Lancaster

To be completed by all volunteers

Thank you so much for volunteering to be involved with a ministry at St Thomas's Church, and consenting to go through our volunteer recruitment process. As a church, we exist to share God's love from the heart of the city. To serve this end, we want all our groups and ministries to be safe places where all people are well cared for, and where leaders strive to model their lives on Biblical teaching, and particularly on the life of Jesus. To help us in our recruitment processes, we need to ask certain questions of all people who volunteer to assist or lead in one of the church's ministries. To proceed with your application to serve in your chosen ministry area, please answer the following questions:

Please tick one or both of the following. (NB If you feel you can in conscience tick only the first box, it may be possible for you to serve or assist in your chosen ministry area, but those in leadership will be expected to tick both boxes).

I agree to respect the Christian ethos of the group I am serving, and I will work in sympathy with the aims and objectives of the church.

I recognise that as a member of a church-based group or ministry, others will look to me as an example of the Christian life. I am a follower of Christ, and with God's help, I am striving to bring my life into line with orthodox Christian teaching and practice.

The P.C.C. is responsible for the acceptance, and where applicable, the accreditation of all workers with pastoral responsibilities, who are likely to be in regular and direct contact with vulnerable adults

Every volunteer must fill in a copy of this form, which will be retained by the responsible person.

This form is confidential and will only be seen by the clergy, group leader, Safeguarding Officer and Lead Recruiter.

Please enter your personal details here.

Name			
Date of Birth		email	
Address			
Telephone numbers			

How long have you lived at the above address.....yrs

Previous Address if less than 2 years at current address
Home address of student volunteers

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Church currently attended

Name of Vicar or Minister.....

Role Applied for

Are you prepared to undertake any training that PCC requires for your role?
YES I NO

Details of any previous relevant experience/training or qualification. If none, please write 'none'

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A link to the current '**The Church of England Parish Safeguarding Handbook**' and **The Church of England Code of Safer Working Practice** which sets out what is expected from volunteers and paid staff, can be found on this page of the Church of England web site - www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/policy-and-practice-guidance.

And our local **practices document** may be found on the church website Safeguarding page, under the heading Safeguarding Policy

Please could you read all 3 of these documents, which make up our Safeguarding policy. Paper copies of these documents can be provided, email admin@st.tees.org.uk.

You will be expected to work within this policy. Do ask for help from the group leader or Safeguarding Advisor if there are things you do not understand

Please sign below to confirm that you have

1. Read 3 documents listed above.
2. Will work within the policy, and will seek help from the group leader or safeguarding advisor if there are things I do not understand, or if I become concerned about an adult with whom I am working.
3. Received the Disclosure Reference card
4. That you will complete the National Safeguarding Training, to be renewed every three years, and make yourself aware of any changes in policy

Signed..... Date

Please be advised that all Information provided will be treated confidentially in line with the Data Protection Act 1998/GDPR 2018

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