

Call for Volunteers—Morning and Evening Prayer Leaders

Do you desire more quiet and contemplation in your daily life? Are you curious to explore the beauty, simplicity, and mystery of liturgy?

Saint James Anglican Church is seeking committed leaders for daily Morning and Evening Prayer, our offering of public prayer for the life of the community. A simple service of prayers, psalms, and bible readings, Morning and Evening Prayer are the foundation of the life and prayer of the Church. Morning and Evening prayer, known also as the daily offices, bookend the day in prayer and provide you with an opportunity to become more intentional in your walk with God through daily life.

Key Responsibilities

- Be present for one morning and/or evening prayer per week
- Open street access and all doors leading to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel prior to prayer and lock up once prayer is done.
- Ring the church bells before prayer begins
- Welcome all who join and offer reading roles to those present
- Lead the liturgy and prepare the designated readings for the day.

Qualifications

- A high regard for prayer. Volunteers need not necessarily have an Anglican background. The clergy will be happy to introduce you to our liturgy.
- A satisfactory Canadian Vulnerable Sector Criminal Record Check (St. James will provide a letter and cover the cost of the check).
- Proximity to the Downtown Eastside population is an asset
- Ability to nurture a welcoming and contemplative environment

Working Conditions

- This is an ongoing position and a minimum six month commitment is desired
- Successful volunteers will receive training and support as they get started but will be eventually be working with limited supervision from the clergy
- We are seeking leaders available to take on a minimum of one prayer time per week. Morning Prayer is said daily at 9:00 am. Evening Prayer is said daily at 5:00 pm.
- St James' Church is an LGBTQ affirming congregation and strives to be a safe place for all people to worship

Please contact Audrey Guay, Volunteer Coordinator at Saint James Anglican if you are interested. All volunteer will attend a brief interview. Email: audrey@stjames.bc.ca