



## Call for Volunteers—Sanctuary Hosts

Located in the heart of the Downtown Eastside, Saint James Anglican Church is an Anglo-Catholic parish in the Diocese of New Westminster. One of our mission objectives is to be a beacon for all as a neighbourhood and destination church where we invite and welcome friends, family, and strangers in our midst. Many members of the Downtown Eastside community do consider Saint James to be their church despite rarely or never coming through the doors. This may be, in part, because Saint James presently opens its doors only for our regular liturgical services: morning and evening prayer, noon mass, and low and high mass on Sundays. Our hope is simple. We would like to be able to open our doors to the community outside of our liturgical services. For security reasons, we can only do so if someone is present in the space.

Saint James is looking for innovative and hospitable volunteers to be present in the main church so that we can open the doors and welcome visitors. The volunteer is encouraged to bring their own passions and interests to shape the time and space.

Potential ideas for how to use the space could be:

- A quiet, contemplative space where visitors are invited to move about freely
- Free walk-in tours of the history and architecture of Saint James Anglican
- A drop-in time for families to come play in the kid's corner
- Art time, self-directed or with a suggested craft
- A discussion group, book club, musical time, etc.

The ideal applicant:

- Is familiar with the population of the Downtown Eastside and can welcome all people while setting clear boundaries to respect the sacred space
- Can provide a satisfactory Vulnerable Sector Criminal Record Check (St. James will provide a letter and cover the cost of the check).
- Is able to bring initiative to a position with limited supervision
- Can work well with a partner, as two volunteers will be present each shift
- Is available one weekday per week between 10:00am and 2:00pm

Please contact Audrey Guay, Volunteer Coordinator at Saint James Anglican, outlining your proposal and relevant experience. All volunteers will attend a brief interview.

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