

Role: Volunteer Steward

Location: St Matthew's Church, Church Lane, Morley



Background

St Matthew's Church in Morley is in receipt of funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund to conserve and reinterpret its historic stained-glass windows. These rare medieval windows are the star treasure of a Church that is packed with historically important objects and features. As part of the Heritage Fund project, we want to increase the number of days the Church is open to the public, so that more people can spend time in this peaceful space, see these beautiful objects, and understand the Church's important role in our local and national history.

We are recruiting volunteer stewards to open the Church on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Volunteers would preferably work in pairs. No knowledge of history or architecture is necessary – new interpretation and a guidebook is available for interested visitors.

Duties

- Collect a key from our PCC treasurer at Smithy Farm
- Open the Church, turn off the security alarm
- Turn on a digital display which interprets the building's heritage for visitors
- Unlock the toilet (located in an outbuilding in the Churchyard)
- Sit in the Church for 2 hours (you are welcome to read and work... or just sit and be!)
- Welcome visitors and signpost further information as required
- Pass on the key to the next volunteer OR lock up the Church and return the key to Smithy Farm

Skills Needed

- Friendly and welcoming
- The ability to travel to and from a rural Church independently
- Spoken English
- Mobility to navigate churchyard and Church

We will provide

- An introduction to the role from an existing volunteer
- A chance to learn about the history of the Church and its architectural features (the opportunity to learn to give talks and tours is available for volunteers who might wish to develop this skill)
- A phone number to contact in an emergency
- A beautiful and peaceful space

You might gain

- Friends – be part of a friendly team and meet some new people

- A sense of community -give back to Morley village, and make a positive contribution to the local area
- Knowledge -learn more about history, art and architecture
- An enhanced Cv -demonstrate competencies such as steward, keyholder, guide, visitor services

Additional information

- You need to be over 18 to volunteer, or else be accompanied by a responsible adult
- We are asking for a minimum commitment of 2-hours/ month
- Address: St Matthew's Church, Church Lane, Morley, DE7 6DE

Please get in contact with Rev Kate Plant or our churchwardens