

# ST KATHARINE CREE CHURCH

## Trustee Vacancy

From the Priest-in-Charge and Chair of the Guild Church Council, Rev Josh Harris:



*Are you excited about the difference Jesus Christ can make in the lives of workers in low-paid or under-appreciated occupations? Do you want to see those on the margins of the economy at the heart of the church and society's life? Do you believe in the positive role churches can play in building community, seeking justice, and nurturing faith?*

*We would love to speak to you if so. We have been on an exciting journey of renewal as we pioneer ministry among workers in the City. We are looking for two additional new external trustees to broaden and strengthen our governance group (the 'Guild Church Council') as we develop our role as the Guild Church for Workers here in London.*

*As you read this, we are praying for you as you consider whether the Lord is calling you to serve with us at St Katharine's as a trustee to support this exciting work we have been given.*

## About us

A church has stood on Leadenhall Street for nearly 800 years, bearing witness to Jesus Christ in word and action for generations. When this church was taken out of the parish system and made a 'Guild Church' in 1952, its new purpose was to "serve and minister to the non-resident day-time population of the city". Today we do not have a Sunday service, a parish, or a typical congregation. Instead, we have been tasked by the Bishop of London with strengthening ministry among workers and in particular those who are 'hidden' but are vital to the city's prosperity. So, we are nurturing a church community where those working in occupations which are often low paid or precarious are at the centre of our life.

We have a developing rhythm of regular and occasional worship, as well as new activities which build community and serve the common good such as free beginner English classes. The development of a Spanish-speaking community here has grown out of our English classes and a partnership with a trade union branch, and a desire among workers for building community and worshipping God together. You can read more about this developing ministry: <https://ccx.org.uk/content/stkatharinecree/>

More broadly, we are fostering creative Christian responses to the challenges faced by those in low-paid and under-valued work. We are members of London Citizens and are involved in the Living Wage campaign. We are also building solidarity between businesses and workers for example through our chaplaincies and our emerging Centre for Workers.

Alongside all of this we continue to play our part as a historic civic church, as a venue for concerts and meetings, and as a place for tourists and groups to visit. We steward a remarkable Grade 1 listed church, together with a Hall and private churchyard garden, and along with architects and professional advisers we are preparing a National Lottery Heritage Fund bid to start the process of its restoration and transformation into a beautiful place of worship, gathering, service and action.

## Our governance

Specific legislation establishes a Guild Church Council to “cooperate with the vicar in the initiation, conduct and development of church work in or in connection with the guild church”. SKC is registered as a charity and so is also governed by the Charity Commission: GCC members are trustees with legal and regulatory responsibilities. Unlike a regular church council, GCC members can be drawn from other churches and this allows us to ensure a broad and strong trustee group to support the team here as we build the wide range of activities we are developing.

As we build our GCC, we are looking for potential trustees with a strong Christian faith and a desire to contribute your skills, wisdom and connections to supporting this church’s leadership and team as we build and grow ministry among workers in the City of London. We are looking for trustees who understand their primary role as exercising supportive oversight of our legal, financial and safeguarding processes as the necessary framework for growing a healthy ministry, while also acting as a source of encouragement, wisdom, and prayer for the church’s leadership team which includes the Priest-in-Charge, Operations Director, and our Mission and Outreach Coordinator.

We welcome all enquiries and are open to various gifts and experience, but are also particularly seeking trustees with understanding of any of the following:

- church heritage projects or fundraising
- community organising and community development activities
- workplace ministry and mission
- Christian mission with diverse communities including migrants (especially from Latin America)
- safeguarding.

Election as a trustee is for a (renewable) one year term only, and in terms of your commitment we plan to hold four regular GCC meetings each year which are held in central London usually on a midweek evening with some online meetings. You would of course also be warmly welcome to get involved as far as you are able in areas of our ministry and development, and to attend worship with us.

There are also some basic eligibility requirements for any Guild Church Council member:

- A baptised Christian aged 18 or older.
- A ‘fit and proper’ person to be a trustee in the eyes of HMRC and the Charity Commission.
- Willing to undertake an Enhanced DBS check and Diocese of London safeguarding training.

## Interested?

If you would like to talk more, please contact the Revd Josh Harris at [josh@stkatharinecree.org](mailto:josh@stkatharinecree.org)

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