



THE CATHEDRAL AND  
ABBEY CHURCH OF  
SAINT ALBAN

## PA Operator Role Description

Role title	Public Address system volunteer
Purpose	Volunteers are needed to operate equipment controlling the various microphones situated throughout the cathedral during services and other activities.
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Main tasks	There are three stations in the cathedral where we can switch various microphones on and off and control the volume and clarity of the spoken word during services, lectures and other activities that require broadcasting.
Skills, experience and qualities needed	No particular skills are needed. However you will need to be able to follow the order of service carefully and be prepared for the unexpected. Most services follow a printed and repetitive order so you will see from the marked copies available when to switch various microphones on or off. You will also need to have a reasonably good ear for judging the volume and clarity of speech being broadcast and adjust a few of the controls on the sound desk accordingly.
DBS check required?	Not required
When	Volunteers are able to do as many or as few commitments as they wish. The team meet three times a year to produce a rota of duties covering four months ahead. Not only are you able to choose when, you can also choose your preferred events: services, weddings, lectures, concerts etc
Where	Our operating stations are located in the Nave, Quire and Lady Chapel and provide the best view for the PA operator

<p>Support offered and benefits of role:</p>	<p>As much training and experience as required will be given until you feel confident to operate the system. You will get to know or be told what equipment is required for each event, together with marked copies with which you will be able to follow proceedings. We are about to publish an operators guide which contains information on the equipment and how to use it. You will be performing a vital service for the clergy, the congregation and other parties that use the cathedral. You will hear wonderful music, the most moving services, brilliant concerts and interesting lectures. And all free, provided you are prepared to operate a few knobs and switches!</p>
<p>Additional volunteering information:</p>	<p>Many of our team members have been doing this work for decades and still find the role exhilarating, fun and very satisfying.</p>