



Sidesmen

What do Sidesmen do?

Sidesmen arrive about 20 to 30 minutes before the 10am Sunday service and welcome visitors and worshippers as they arrive, and generally assist the Warden with the smooth and safe running of the service. They hand out hymn-books, service books, the newsletter etc. They take up the collection and guide people up to the altar, if the service involves Holy Communion. After the service they put the hymn books and service books away. Women can be sidesmen too!

How much time is involved?

Sidesmen's duties usually come round three or four times a year. For 'special services' and at festivals additional help is often needed so there may be the occasional 'extra' duty.

What is worthwhile or enjoyable about this activity?

Sidesmen are a vital part of making visitors and every member of the congregation feel welcomed and at ease.

Are there any particular skills or abilities that are helpful for volunteers to have?

It probably helps if people have a degree of initiative and the ability to cope with a little pressure and remain cheerful!

Is any training available if I would like to be involved?

Yes.

Who should I contact to find out more or to become involved?

Please contact the Churchwardens: **Norma Buck** (01892 541259) norma.buck1@btinternet.com or **Mary Anne Lockie** (01892 532765) maryanne.lockie@btopenworld.com.

Refreshers Sunday

