

## Our Vision

*"To provide appropriate pastoral care for all personnel within the RAF Air Cadets irrespective of religious belief or status."*



## Your response?

If you are interested in becoming an Air Cadet Chaplain please let us know.

You can contact the Corps Chaplain, the local wing chaplain or call in at your nearest squadron. Where there are local squadron vacancies new appointments are made after suitable references have been followed up, including from your church. There will also need to be a DBS check. Contact us and we will be in touch to discuss the current opportunities.

### The Corps Chaplain

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Find out more at

[www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets](http://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets)

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# As clergy how do we communicate with young people today ?



## Have you thought about working with the Air Cadets?

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## The Royal Air Force

### Air Cadets

is one of the UK's leading youth organisations with some 45,000 cadets and about 15,000 adult volunteers. Young people can join from the age of 12 and stay until aged 19. They will experience a wide range of activities, including being offered the opportunity to fly in both twin-seater aeroplanes and gliders and learn about aviation. They can experience adventure exercises, drill, range shooting, sport and many other challenges. The Air Cadets is also one of the leading participants in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme.

Air cadets are encouraged to grow a spirit of adventure and achievement, developing qualities of leadership and good citizenship. Having a chaplain attached to each local squadron provides them with the guidance that will help them develop their potential. The local chaplain has a positive input into the values, beliefs and morals of a group of young men and women at this most important time of their development.

## Are you still interested?

*Read on ...*



## The Air Cadet Chaplain

The honorary chaplain, or padre as you may well be called, will be appointed from among the clergy, lay readers and others with an authorised church ministry. The RAF Air Cadets offers them a fulfilling vocation.

Air cadet chaplains do not wear uniform, but they receive the chaplain's badges along with a sweatshirt and polo shirt showing their role.

It is a voluntary post, but travel expenses are usually recoverable, and an allowance is also offered when you attend training days or annual summer camps. You can even reclaim the cost of providing a 'locum tenens' or pulpit supply fee. Regular visits to your local squadron are encouraged so that you build up a strong relationship with the cadets and staff. They, in turn, will welcome an invitation to attend the occasional church parade, letting your congregations meet the cadets and share in your ministry to them.

At the squadron you will be able to talk with the cadets about life issues and values, they call this the "Padre's Hour" although it rarely lasts that long! The chaplain also has an important part in the induction programme of new cadets. This concludes in the enrolment ceremony, led by the padre, which is a moving moment in a young cadet's life.



## Training provision:

The chaplain is not alone, but part of a network of chaplains serving the RAF Air Cadets. Locally you will be supported by your wing chaplain who may well organize an annual training day for the 20 or more chaplains in your wing. Similar training days may also be arranged by the regional chaplain. The Corps Chaplain will invite you to attend the Chaplains' Annual Convention which will give you the opportunity to meet other chaplains from across the UK. Your expenses will, of course, be covered and allowances offered.

Air Cadets are highly motivated young people and they welcome the support of a chaplain. Are you going to pass the opportunity by or will you step forwards and take the opportunity to be their chaplain?

