

# ST JOHN'S CHATHAM RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT



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This is a unique and exciting opportunity to work with local community groups and volunteers to research and re-engage with the rich and varied heritage of St John the Divine, a Grade II\* Listed church in Chatham, Kent.

**Responsible to:** St John's Chatham Mission Leader

**Contract:** 12 month consultant services contract commencing May/June 2025

**Location:** Flexible but the role requires time to be spent in Chatham on a routine basis

**Consultant fee:** Up to £15,000+ VAT (if applicable)

**How to apply:** By 12noon on Friday 2nd May Candidates are asked to provide a consultant's brief of no more than 1,000 words, explaining their methodology, how they will work with partners/volunteers, the delivery of the outputs and their relevant experience and skill sets

**Interviews:** by mutual agreement (preferably Wednesday 14th May)

As part of a National Lottery Heritage funded project with a range of partners, the Diocese of Rochester is seeking to appoint a Heritage Consultant to scope and manage research projects to increase the knowledge of the history of St John's Chatham, a Waterloo church in the heart of the Medway towns. The church was closed for over 20 years between 1997 and 2021 and there is a considerable lack of social knowledge of the building and its rich history. There is however significant archive material available.

We are looking for a candidate with extensive experience of researching heritage who enjoys working with community groups and volunteers and has direct knowledge of delivering publicly funded projects on time and on budget. As well as possessing excellent communication skills, the ideal candidate will have the ability to communicate historical research of the highest quality and be able to engage with a variety of stakeholders (including members of the local church community, community groups, heritage organisations and other potential partners).

The commission will last for 12 months during which time the consultant will be required to scope and manage research projects that will be delivered by community groups, academics, students and community volunteers that help build and bring together the existing knowledge of the history of St John's Chatham. The resulting research will be used in a variety of ways to interpret the history of the church, including the development of Key Stage teaching resources aligned to the national curriculum and creative responses by local schools and community groups that may be performances or art works.

See *Research Development Consultant* [Job Brief](#) for further details.