

Chamberlain

My name is Brother Richard and I am the Chamberlain. I am in charge of the clothing store in the monastery.

Some of the monks help me to make the habits we all wear. We have a Winter habit and a Summer one.

We have underwear made of animal skins in the Winter sewed next to our skin to keep us warm!

Almoner

My name is Brother Rufus and I am the Almoner.

I give out money and food every day to poor people who knock on the door. We help people who have no money or have nowhere to live. We let them rest here in our upstairs hall.

The Hosteller

Hello, I am Brother Stephen. I am the Hosteller.

I am in charge of the great hall and the sleeping room above it. I have to make sure everywhere is kept clean. I put fresh herbs and rushes on the floor every day.

I look after the sleeping hall upstairs and I put clean pillows and blankets out. I also give out food at meal times to our visitors.

The Gardener

I am Brother Max and I am the gardener. The proper name for my job is the Obedentiar.

Lots of monks work in our garden. We grow vegetables. We also grow fruit in our orchard.

It is my job to sell the fruit and vegetables to people in the city. We also use them for cooking in our kitchens.

The Infirmerer

Hello, I am Brother Wilfrid. I run the infirmary here. This is a little hospital.

I look after monks and visitors when they are ill.

We grow herbs to make medicine.

The Precentor

I am Brother Peter the Precentor and I am in charge of all the singing and worship in the church.

I look after the silver cups and candlesticks on the altar table.

The Refectorer

My name is Brother Walter. I am the Refectorer.

I keep everything clean in the refectory where we eat our food.

I paint walls and mend things that are broken.

I look after the knives, spoons, tables and cloths.

Minstrel

Hello. I am a minstrel and my name is George. I am not a monk. I travel around Norwich singing and playing my pipes.

The monks pay me to come and sing to visitors when they are staying here.

The Master of the Cellar

My name is Brother David, Master of the Cellar.

I look after the kitchens. I make sure we always have enough rice, salt, eggs, fish and meat.

Sacrist

I am Brother Donald. I am the Sacrist.

I look after the cathedral furniture. I make sure all the Priests' robes, altar tables and crosses are kept clean.

The Prior

I am Prior Thomas. I am the head monk here. The Abbot helps me too.

We make sure that all monks are being well behaved and are obeying St Benedict's rule.

We often travel away from here to visit people and try to get money to keep our Priory going.