

Allan has lived in the London area most of his life. For the last 20 years of his working career he headed a team which designed systems for use by financial companies in the City and their provincial offices.

He has a wide range of musical interests and sang with the Philharmonia Chorus. For over 30 years he was also a member of a small choir formed by Professor John Lumley at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. It regularly performed in London and sang in many countries in Europe and the Middle East.

Allan enjoyed sailing dinghies at Bosham in Sussex, yachts in the Mediterranean, water skiing in the summer and snow skiing in the winter. He is a keen walker and has completed a large part of the South West Coastal Path.

He was Chairman of a committee raising funds for the Anglican Church, reporting to a Board of Trustees which included senior politicians and the Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Bernard Weatherill. On the successful conclusion of the fund-raising, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie, hosted a celebration dinner at Lambeth Palace.

On becoming a guide at St. Paul's Cathedral in 2010, Allan joined a team which included Dr. Donald Prichard, then the Master of the Aldersgate Ward Club.