



St Mary's Church, Rickmansworth

Serving the whole community

Job description: Church organist

Job title: Organist

Location: the Anglican Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Rickmansworth

Reporting to: the Vicar (Revd Gary Norman)

Job purpose

The Organist is required to provide a high standard of organ and piano music for accompanying worship at regular Sunday services at 10.00am and other services as required by the Vicar including weddings and funerals.

Principal duties and responsibilities:

- Provide organ and piano music on a Sunday morning to accompany the 10.00am regular worship and such other regular services as may be required by the Vicar including services at Christmas and Easter
- Provide organ and piano music for occasional services including weddings, funerals and civic services
- Facilitate the choir and congregation to sing and worship through the excellent accompaniment of hymns and liturgy
- Assist the Vicar with the selection of hymns and music as required
- In co-operation with the Vicar, encourage the musical talents and participation of members of the congregation
- Arrange for a qualified substitute organist or pianist when absent for church services and to notify the Vicar in advance of any absence
- Be responsible for the condition of the organ and, in consultation with the Vicar, churchwardens and the Chair of the Fabric & Churchyard committee, arrange for any necessary maintenance or repair as required
- Commit to sufficient rehearsal time to provide a high quality of music at every service
- A review will take place following the appointment (between 3 and 6 months) and thereafter an annual performance review will be undertaken by the Vicar

Person specification

Essential:

- Display a professional level of musical talent to accompany hymn and liturgical singing
- A knowledge of a range of church music and liturgy
- A team player who has the vision and understanding to deliver high quality music and to help to grow the outreach and mission of the church

Desirable:

- A practising Christian with good communication and listening skills who understands the importance of liturgy
- The ability to manage people and develop their potential and talent

Terms and conditions

- This is a part-time role.
- Salary is £10,000 pa with additional fees for weddings and funerals. No additional travel expenses will be paid.
- 4 weeks holiday per annum. The successful applicant will be required to arrange cover as and when required.
- Attendance at Sunday services (at 10.00am) and additional services as required by the Vicar, including those at Easter and Christmas, and at civic services as required (usually no more than 3 a year).
- Follow all safeguarding policies and undertake such training and/or vetting as may be required by the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

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