



Cotham Parish Church Recruitment of New Church Musician / Organist

Cotham Parish Church are seeking a new Organist / Church musician who will work with lay and ordained members of the community in planning, preparing, leading and accompanying music in worship.

About us: Cotham's ethos and style

Cotham Parish Church is seeking to be a Contemplative, Inclusive, Creative and Socially Engaged community of faith

Our Sunday morning worship is liturgical with sung responses and with a blend of traditional hymns, chants and (some) contemporary worship songs

We value whole congregation participation in all aspects of worship including music;

While we don't have a choir, on occasions we enjoy contributions from groups of singers, and other musicians;

Our ethos is reflected in a musical style that is diverse while maintaining and valuing core traditional repertoire;

We are open to the new - some of our worship seeks to reflect our creative ethos;

The size of our 10am congregation varies between 30 and 45 and represents a reasonably broad spread of ages.

The more contemporary elements of our repertoire includes music from Iona, Taize, music from the global church, music that has an emphasis on peace and justice; and music from modern Roman Catholic composers such as Bernadette Farrell;

We are one part of a two church Benefice with St Paul's Clifton who also have a strong musical ethos. Some services are shared and there is good opportunity for cross fertilisation and the sharing of musicians and singers on occasions.

What we are looking for: Skills, Experience and Person spec.

An organist and pianist with experience of accompanying church services;

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We are open to exploring this vacancy with a competent pianist, with some experience of playing the organ, or a willingness to learn.

Someone with some experience of church music;

Someone who is keen to further develop their skills and musical gifts in a supportive community;

Someone who wishes to be part of an inclusive worshipping community;

Someone who is enthusiastic to work with others, open to ideas, and also enthusiastic to bring their own ideas and experience;

Someone who will enable and coordinate the involvement of others;

Someone with spiritual and pastoral sensitivity, relating well to people, and to the atmosphere and ethos of worship at Cotham;

Someone with the capacity to be flexible and adaptable;

Someone who is able to help the congregation to sing;

The ability to plan ahead and prepare well for services

What we need: Duties

Playing at the Sunday 10am Eucharist three times a month

Playing at services for major festivals of the church year including:

- Christmas Midnight Mass and Christmas Morning
- Maundy Thursday

On those Sundays when the organist/lead musician is not available they will be expected to find a deputy

Having first refusal to play at weddings and funerals (with additional fees within the range of those recommended by the RSCM)

The opportunity to support music and play at other services, including Foundation (Sunday evening service), and Open Table (monthly Sunday afternoon service for LGBTQI+ Christians)

What we offer

A warm, engaged and supportive community;

Diversity and Creativity, including a willingness to experiment and try new things;

Resources and support for developing in role;

A team of clergy and lay leaders who are enthusiastic to collaborate;

We value music in worship but we're not perfectionists!

An electronic organ (*Allen – Renaissance Quantum*)
and a Grand Piano (*Steinway*)

Remuneration: £60 per service, with higher rates for events such as weddings and other special services.

The possibility of using the piano for teaching

Applications and Expressions of Interest

If you would like to discuss this vacancy please contact the Church Council Secretary Jeni Leggatt Green at jenileggat@yahoo.co.uk with brief details of your experience to date.

Jeni will then liaise with the vicar David to Stephenson to arrange an initial informal conversation. There will be subsequent auditions and meeting with an appointment group for those who meet the core requirements of the role and who wish to be considered.

The successful candidate will be expected to provide two references, and will be required to apply for a DBS and undertake safeguarding training.