



CHRIST CHURCH, WEST WIMBLEDON

**Director of Music/Organist required for Christ Church,
2 Cottenham Park Road, Wimbledon SW20 0RZ
www.christchurch-westwimbledon.org**

Christ Church West Wimbledon, easily accessible by car (A3) or by bus from Raynes Park/Wimbledon stations, is a friendly, liberal and inclusive Anglican Church which seeks to appoint an inspired Director of Music, to replace Richard Hall who is leaving after 3½ years at Christ Church to develop his career and continue studying for his Master's degree. Worshipping in the central tradition of the Church of England, there is a Parish Eucharist at 10am and a Sung Evensong at 6.30pm each Sunday.

Candidates should be proficient with playing a three manual pipe organ and capable of good choir direction. Our Walker organ is in reasonable working condition (rebuilt in 1977) and we also have a recently restored Bluthner baby grand piano. We have a four-part RSCM affiliated choir with a repertoire of anthems and we also have a children's choir. Rehearsals for both choirs currently take place on a Friday evening and at 9am on a Sunday morning although this could be reviewed if necessary.

In addition to Sunday mornings and evenings throughout the year, music is also required for certain feast days and for Holy Week, Easter and Christmas – Ascension Day, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Day, All Souls Day, Advent Sunday, Christingle Service, Carol Service, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Remuneration is in accordance with RSCM rates plus fees from occasional offices and for the right candidate, depending upon qualifications and experience, the basic salary payable is up to £6,000 per annum. We are seeking someone who is available to start in the autumn. For an informal conversation about this permanent post, please telephone the Reverend Michael Burns on 020 8540 5279.

To apply, please send your CV and covering letter, together with the names of two referees, to the Reverend Michael Burns, St Saviours Vicarage, Church Walk, London SW20 9DL. Email: ccww.vicar@gmail.com A DBS Enhanced Check will be required.

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The introduction to our website says:

Christ Church West Wimbledon is a Church of England congregation in South-West London, in the Diocese of Southwark.

We are a blend of the traditional and the contemporary, and are an open, inclusive church serving the people of West Wimbledon. In our worship and in our social life we seek to express and share the love of God which is for everyone. We welcome all, regardless of age, ethnicity, sexuality or church background. Exploring together, we journey towards that fullness of life offered to us through Jesus Christ's self-sacrificing love. A mixture of those who are strong in their faith with others who are filled with questions and doubt, we encourage a willingness to explore our faith and be ready to be surprised by God. Knowing we are loved, we are ready to share our faith with others helping to build peace and justice in the world.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

Main Job purpose

- To play for, lead and develop the worshipping life of the church at the 10am Common Worship service under the overall direction of the Priest-in-Charge and the Parochial Church Council. We sing a variety of hymns from 'Hymns Old and New'. We sing the Gloria (or Kyrie), Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei.
- To manage, train and develop our adult choir at their weekly practice who lead the musical life of the church every Sunday. There are up to 20 regular members
- To manage, train and develop our children's choir at their weekly practice who currently sing on the first Sunday of each month
- To play for Sung Evensong at 6.30pm every Sunday evening (no choir is present) when we sing three hymns and use Anglican chant for the psalm, magnificat and nunc dimittis.
- To play for services in Holy Week and Easter, at Christmas and on certain Feast Days
- To play, when possible, at weddings, funerals and memorial services

Tasks

- To seek to identify and encourage those with a passion for singing and music. Our new director of music will be 'at home' with the traditional worship of an Anglican parish church but s/he will also be enthusiastic about good modern music and will want to help us sing better so will assist in creatively leading and developing the music on Sunday mornings to complement and enhance our service
- In conjunction with the Priest-in-Charge, to choose the hymns (Hymns Old and New is currently used) and anthems for each Sunday
- In conjunction with the Priest-in-Charge to plan and organise the annual celebration of the major festivals
- Purchase music and maintain the choral music library
- Engage accompanists and deputies for agreed absences, within the budget set by the Church Treasurer

- Supervise and arrange the regular maintenance of the organ and piano, in consultation as applicable, with the Church Treasurer and Churchwardens

Essential

- To be a committed Christian or in sympathy with the Christian faith
- A passion and experience for leading and enabling worship
- To be a competent organist but we are interested in musical skills and the ability to train congregation and choir more than concert standard organ playing.
- To have a heart and experience for teamwork with volunteers of all ages
- Friendly with excellent communication and organisational skills
- Good time management
- Be prepared to work flexibly as the needs of the job require

Other information

- Our current Director of Music has been using the Church to give private organ and piano lessons at times agreed with the Priest-in-Charge and there is the potential for this to continue if desired by the successful candidate
- Our current Director of Music has organised monthly concerts for one hour on Saturday evenings (6pm – 7pm) and there is the potential for this to continue and be developed if desired by the successful candidate
- The church has a tradition of good music. Instrumentalists from within the congregation sometimes support the services, especially on the first Sunday of the month.
- There are significant amateur resources locally to enable collaboration with other choirs and orchestras. Recent summer concerts hosted by the choir have included Vivaldi's Gloria, Handel's Messiah and Rutter's Feel the Spirit
- **Salary:** For the right candidate, depending upon qualifications and experience, up to £6,000 per annum in line with RSCM rates plus fees from occasional offices is payable. Six weeks paid holiday per calendar year. There will be a 3 month probationary period for this post
- **DBS:** The employment is subject to a satisfactory enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service

For further information or an informal chat, please contact the Priest-in-Charge as below.

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