



CHRIST CHURCH, WEST WIMBLEDON

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

Christ Church West Wimbledon, easily accessible from Raynes Park/Wimbledon stations via the 200 bus or by car (A3), is a friendly, liberal and inclusive Anglican Church. We seek a capable and enthusiastic Director of Music to lead the musical life of the church. Worshipping in the central tradition of the Church of England, there is a Parish Eucharist at 10am and a Sung BCP Evensong at 6.30pm each Sunday.

Candidates should be proficient in playing a pipe organ and capable of good choir direction. Our 3 manual Walker organ is in reasonable working condition and we have also recently been given a restored Blüthner baby grand piano. We have a four-part RSCM affiliated choir with a repertoire of anthems and we also have a children's choir which joins the first 10am Sunday service of the month to sing prepared items, with the older children also welcome in the main 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. There is also the potential to build on an established tradition of annual concerts involving the choir and local musicians.

In addition to Sunday mornings and evenings throughout the year, our organist is also expected to play for Holy Week, Easter and Christmas and on major feast days.

Remuneration is in line with RSCM rates depending upon qualifications and experience. Fees for weddings and funerals will be paid additionally. We are seeking someone who is available to start as soon as possible. For an informal conversation about this post, please telephone the Reverend Michael Burns on 020 8540 5279.

Full details are available on church website www.christchurch-westwimbledon.org

To apply, please send your CV and a covering letter, together with the names of two referees, to the Reverend Michael Burns, c/o St Saviours Vicarage, Church Walk, London SW20 9DL. Email: ccww.vicar@gmail.com

Applications should be received by the closing date: 1 May 2018

Main Job purpose

- To play for, lead and develop the musical life of the church at the 10am service under the overall direction of the Priest-in-Charge and the Parochial Church Council
- At their weekly practice to manage, train and develop our adult choir who currently lead the singing every Sunday morning at the 10am Parish Eucharist
- At their weekly practice to manage, train and develop our children's choir who currently sing on the 1st Sunday of each month at the 10am Celebrate Together service, when all are together in Church
- To play for Sung Evensong at 6.30pm every Sunday evening (no choir is present)
- To play for services in Holy Week, Easter, Christmas and on major 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
- To lead and develop the music on Sunday mornings to complement and enhance our worship
- In conjunction with the Priest-in-Charge, to choose the hymns (Hymns Old and New is currently used) and anthems for each Sunday, drawing on a historical library as well as two recent collected editions of simple four-part anthems: The New Oxford Easy Anthem Book and the Oxford Book of Flexible Anthems are currently in use
- In conjunction with the Priest-in-Charge to plan and organise the annual celebration of the major Christians festivals
- To purchase music and maintain the choral music library within the budget set by the Finance Committee
- To engage accompanists and deputies for agreed absences within the budget set by the Finance Committee
- To arrange and supervise the maintenance of the organ and piano(s), in consultation with the Church Treasurer and Churchwardens (at present the organ is tuned twice a year by Gary Owens Organ Builders of Herefordshire)

Essential

- To be a committed Christian or in sympathy with the Christian faith
- To show a passion for and experience of leading and enabling worship
- To have experience of working collaboratively with volunteers of all ages
- To demonstrate a friendly attitude towards all with excellent communication and organisational skills and good time management
- To be prepared to work flexibly as the needs of the job require

Other information

- Recent Directors of Music have given private organ and piano lessons in the Church at times agreed with the Priest-in-Charge and there is the potential for this to continue if desired by the successful candidate
- There are significant amateur resources locally to enable collaboration with other choirs and orchestral players for additional musical events to be organised.
- **Fees:** These will be agreed with the successful candidate in line with RSCM recommended rates depending upon qualifications and experience, and fees for occasional offices (weddings, funerals and memorial services) will additionally be paid according to the RSCM recommended rates. The post holder will be regarded as self-employed with a 'Supply of Services' agreement. They will be contracted to work for 46 weeks each year and will be responsible for their own income tax, pension and National Insurance provision.
- **DBS:** The offer of this post would be subject to a satisfactory enhanced disclosure being received from the Disclosure and Barring Service. The successful candidate will be required to attend C1 Safeguarding Training provided by the Diocese of Southwark at an early stage of the appointment.
- **References:** The offer of this post would be subject to two satisfactory references being received. Ideally one should be from the Minister of the previous church where engaged (if applicable) and one from a person with a good knowledge of the candidate's musical abilities.
- **Trial period:** There will be a six month trial period during which time the Minister and Churchwardens will assess the Director of Music's suitability to provide the Services. The Minister with the agreement of the PCC may terminate this agreement at any time during the trial period by giving one month's notice.

M J Burns
Priest-in-Charge

on behalf of the
Parochial Church Council of
Christ Church, West Wimbledon

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