



Organist and Director of Music Job Description and Person Profile

We are looking for a new organist for our church in Portsmouth. Could you grow our music culture with choir of 15 (augmented for major services). Organ led services with varied settings, anthems, and modern hymns/songs. Periodic evening and festival services and occasional church events.

Paid position as parish employee. RSCM rates ('Professional' or 'Vocational').

For an informal conversation or to visit and see, please contact:

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We are looking for someone to...

- Direct our music as part of our church in Portsmouth.
- Work with choir (and group of musicians), including leading the choir.
- Take a lead of a group on the choice of music including hymns, songs, anthems and settings, guided by the service rota reflecting lectionary/festival themes. Choices should be made bearing in mind what will help encourage worship with the whole congregation.
- Play our recently refurbished tab stop, two manual pipe organ at all major services; at most Sunday services in the church e.g., three out of four
- Lead, prepare and encourage the choir in hymns, songs, anthems, and responses with a regular weekly practice.
- Introduce to the congregation new music when needed hymns, songs.
- Keep a record of music for overview and assist the person reporting for CCLI purposes.
- Work with choir members, the Rector, and Ministry Team to encourage children and young people.
- A possibility for you to use of organ for teaching.

The Parish of Farlington is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. All post holders and volunteers are required to share this commitment and to fulfil all appropriate safeguarding training. All appointments are subject to acceptable pre-appointment checks and DBS if required.

Regular Service Pattern

Sundays:	1 st ,3 rd ,4 th ,5 th 9.30am Sung Eucharist
Festivals:	Principal Feasts (e.g. Midnight Mass, Easter Day). Feast days and Special Occasions – e.g. Crib Service, Harvest
Weddings:	If wished, to play at most weddings: to meet with wedding couples; to assist with music choices;
Funerals:	If wished, to play at most funerals and liaise with the clergy or Licenced Lay Ministers conducting the service; to help with music choices if needed;

Person Profile

We are looking for someone who wants to come to help us on our journey in music and worship, who will enjoy helping as part of a team, and help us to grow in numbers and depth through our music.

We fully appreciate that no one person will be able to offer everything:

Essential

Someone who has the suitable music and organ skills and experience.

Someone who can work well as part of a team.

Someone who can lead, support and mentor other singers/ and possibly musicians.

Someone who understands how music needs to support the worship.

Someone who is creative and also organised.

Desirable

Someone who will get enjoyment from the role.

Someone who will enjoy being part of our Christian community and help us grow in depth, impact and numbers.

Someone who will be able to take a caring role of others in the team.

Someone who is a practising Christian themselves.

A job share could be possible.