



Organist and Choir Leader

Job Description and Person Profile

An organist and choir leader is sought for a church in suburban mainland Portsmouth. Could you build on our existing successful and regarded choir of 15 (augmented for major services) and grow our music culture with our organ led services with varied settings, anthems, and modern hymns/songs. Occasional evening and festival services and church events. Role also includes overseeing, playing for and supporting a monthly informal service and the group of musicians. Some of our services are livestreamed.

The role is principally for the Church of the Resurrection but we may sometimes invite the employee to play at St Andrew's Church as well. (e.g a joint service when one is not held at the Church of the Resurrection)

This is a paid position as an employee where the Parochial Church Council are the employers. RSCM rates ('Professional' or 'Vocational' by negotiation) and negotiated RSCM contract .

Farlington Parish is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. All post holders and volunteers are expected to share this commitment.

All appointments are subject to acceptable pre-appointment checks, including a satisfactory Enhanced DBS Check.

For an informal conversation or to visit and see please contact: Canon Paul Gully 023 9237 5145 paul@farlingtonparish.co.uk

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 – usually while playing.
- take a lead of a group on the choice of hymns, choose music including, songs, anthems and settings, guided by the service rota, reflecting lectionary/festival themes. Choices made bearing in mind what will help encourage worship with the whole congregation.
- play our recently refurbished Walker tab stop two manual organ at services, and, as appropriate, electric piano. Worship is mainly Eucharistic with a more informal Service of the Word on the Second Sunday of the month

- lead, prepare and encourage the choir in hymns, songs, anthems, and responses with a regular weekly practice.
- introduce to the congregation new music, hymns and songs when needed.
- liaise with Ministry Team on music selection for joint services, and arrange a music group practice if necessary. To lead the music for these services.
- 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
- possibly use organ for teaching the next generation of organists .

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

Essential

Someone:

who has the suitable music skills and experience

who can encourage, communicate well and work as part of a team

who can lead, support and mentor other singers/musicians

who understands how music needs to support the worship

who is creative and organised

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

Desirable

Someone:

who will get enjoyment from the role.

who will enjoy being part of our church congregations and help us grow in depth, impact and numbers.

who is a practising Christian themselves

Regular Service Pattern

Sundays	1 st ,3 rd ,4 th ,5 th 2 nd	9.30am Sung Eucharist 10.00am Informal All Age Service of the Word
	Occasional	10am joint services with both congregations
Festivals		Principal Feasts, (our Midnight Mass has been a highlight) Feast days and Special Occasions – e.g. Crib/Carol Services, Harvest.
Weddings		To play at most weddings: to liaise with wedding couples to assist them with music choices;
Funerals		to play at most funerals and liaise with the clergy or Licenced Lay Ministers conducting the service; to help with music choices if needed;