

Knowing Christ | Growing Community | Renewing Our Heritage

St. Mary's Parish Church, Oxted, Surrey

Musical Director and Organist

We are seeking an enthusiastic and skilled Music Director and Organist to lead and develop the musical life of our parish. Our vision is to Know Christ. Grow Community and Renew our Heritage.

This role is central to enhancing our worship through inspirational music and will involve nurturing the development of the choir and coordination with the music group. This role provides an opportunity to regularly play a three manual Speechly organ in mostly original condition.

Key Responsibilities

Musical Direction:

- Develop a vision for Christ-centred worship with clergy and wardens.
- Select hymns and anthems aligned with liturgical seasons
- Direct and rehearse the choir (adults and children), encouraging musical growth.
- Recruit new choir members in an inclusive environment.

Worship Leadership:

- Provide organ accompaniment for Sunday services, festivals, weddings, and funerals.
- Introduce new repertoire while respecting traditions.
- Coordinate with the music group.

Outreach & Community Engagement:

- Support clergy in integrating music into outreach and events.
- Organise concerts, recitals, and workshops.
- Develop links with St. Mary's and Oxted Schools' music departments.

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Requirements

- Experience in church music direction and organ playing.
- Ability to direct choirs and develop singers.
- Knowledge of Anglican liturgy and repertoire.
- Strong organizational and collaboration skills.
- Commitment to safeguarding policies.

Desirable Qualifications

- Degree, diploma, or equivalent experience (e.g., ARCO, FRCO).
- Experience recruiting and training singers, particularly young people.
- Willingness to incorporate diverse church music styles.

Hours & Salary

- Part-time with variable hours, including evenings/weekends.
- Salary follows RSCM guidelines and depends on experience.
- Freelance engagement preferred.

Application Process

Submit a CV, cover letter, and two referees to Rev James Ashton at james.p.ashton75@gmail.com by **6 April**. Interviews will be held in **April/May**, with an appointment shortly after.

We welcome applicants from all backgrounds committed to the Church of England's ministry.

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