

Organist / Assistant Director of Music, St Alphege Parish Church, Solihull

Information for Candidates

A wonderful opportunity has arisen to join this busy town-centre parish church with a thriving choral tradition and a variety of styles of worship. We enjoy a successful musical and a growing Christian outreach programme. We are seeking an Organist / Assistant Director of Music to join our team from April 2020 (or a mutually agreed date to fit with existing commitments). Please apply in writing, sending a copy of your CV plus details of two referees to office@solihullparish.org.uk by Friday 24th January. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview on Friday 31st January.

Salary: up to £11,600 pa, plus fees from weddings, funerals, teaching and accompanying.

The role will include:

- Providing accompaniments to regular services at St Alphege on Sundays, at festivals and midweek services
- Providing voluntaries for services
- Rehearsing sections of the choir on a regular basis on Friday evenings
- Occasional conducting of the choir in the absence of the Director of Music or as agreed
- Providing accompaniment to the choir on tours to English cathedrals and abroad
- Providing accompaniments and solo repertoire for CDs and concerts
- Contributing to training of younger choristers for RSCM and ABRSM examinations
- Organising organ recitals for the successful recital programme on the fourth Wednesday of the month
- Working collaboratively with the Director of Music to produce music lists, recitals, outreach concerts and music festivals
- Working with and teaching an Organ Scholar
- Advising on maintenance and development of the organ

Indicative hours – 11 hours per week (taking into consideration busier and slacker times of the Church's year).

- Sunday – 6
- Friday – 2
- Festivals and midweek services – 2 (averaged over year)
- Administration and practice – 1

The successful candidate will:

- Hold ARCO or equivalent qualification (or be capable of playing to ARCO standard).
- Have experience of working in the English choral tradition.
- Enjoy the opportunity to work with children and adults towards excellence in musical standards.
- Be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Our current Organist, Alex Woodrow, former Director of Music at Bradford Cathedral will be moving to the post of Director of Music at Leeds Minster.

The post of accompanist to Lichfield Cathedral Chorus is also vacant – this is a Thursday evening commitment which might be of interest to applicants to the post of Organist at St Alphege. Further information can be provided on request.

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*Fees from weddings, funerals and any other occasional services are split 50/50 with the Director of Music. There is also the opportunity for private teaching with the use of church facilities.