

St Michael's Parish Church, Linlithgow

Director of Music

We are looking for an enthusiastic and experienced musician to lead and further develop the musical life and worship of our congregation. Your overall objective will be to oversee and broaden the variety of sung and instrumental music in worship and the range of performers.

You will be expected to direct our enthusiastic and loyal mixed voice choir, as well as work with a variety of other musical groups, including those involving children and young people, to create opportunities for them to contribute regularly to the worship life of the church. You will also work with parents, local schools and youth groups to encourage young people to join the choral and musical life of the church.

You will manage our part-time Organist, who is responsible for playing the organ and piano at regular services and, if required, for accompanying choir and other rehearsals. However, you would be expected to play the organ or piano yourself, as required, when the Organist is unavailable. This would include playing for funerals and weddings if the Organist is unavailable, for which a separate fee would be payable.

You will work closely with our Ministry Team and Worship Team, both to maintain the regular worship of the church and to identify and lead ways of using music in support of St Michael's mission and its 2030 Vision.

We are looking for a person with the ability to work collaboratively with others, the enthusiasm and ability to lead and inspire performance of a wide range of music genres (e.g., spiritual, secular, traditional, modern), and a passion for developing and encouraging the musical skills of people of all ages, including children and young people.

In return, we are a large and active Parish Church which offers a warm and welcoming congregation, an enthusiastic choir and a large number of accomplished musicians of all ages keen to use their talents in the life of the church. The annual salary will be in the range £3,000-£3,500. The normal work pattern will be around 4 hours per week, with flexibility during the Christmas and Easter periods.

For the job description, please see St Michael's Church website [**www.stmichaels-parish.org.uk**](http://www.stmichaels-parish.org.uk).

To apply, please send a CV to John Reid, Session Clerk, at [**sessionclerk@stmichaels-parish.org.uk**](mailto:sessionclerk@stmichaels-parish.org.uk) by the closing date of **18 October 2021**.

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