



**Principal Team Organist (playing around 3 Sundays a month) - Job Description**

**St Michael and All Saints' Church, Tollcross. Edinburgh**

**Traditional Anglo-Catholic/Scottish Episcopal Church**

**Inclusive and flamboyant ethos**

**High Mass with robed choir**

**Broad Classical Repertoire (Renaissance to Modern)**

**Traditional Organist**

- An attractive position for a traditional organist who just wants to play the organ with no further responsibilities, is happy to work as part of a team and may wish for flexible working.
- The organ is two manual, originally built by Forster and Andrews in 1872 for a church in Scarborough, and rebuilt by Wood Wordsworth in 1966. It was rebuilt in St Michael and All Saints by Peter Wood in 1992. It is maintained by Wells Kennedy.
- Full Organ specification is available on request.
- There is also a Yamaha Grand Piano, which is used occasionally as appropriate.

**About St Michael and All Saints'**

- Worship is focussed on the Sunday 10.30am Sung High Mass.
- There is an excellent robed Choir who sing a Mass Setting, Anthem and Propers, and lead congregational hymns (New English Hymnal).
- There is a Choir Director who is responsible for liturgical music.<sup>1</sup> You may wish to sing with the choir in unaccompanied pieces. You may be asked to deputise for the choir director when he is away. There are many folk in the choir who have conducted the choir on an occasional basis.
- We have several team/deputy organists, who have varying degrees of availability.
- Major feasts are transferred to the nearest Sunday.
- Additional services include Advent & Christmas Carol Services, Christmas

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Midnight and Day Mass (if not on Sunday), Holy Week Services & Easter Vigil, and All Souls (transferred to Sunday evening).

- We stream services to our Facebook page for viewers at home and further afield. These recordings remain available online.

### **Organist's Duties**

- Play the organ for the Sunday choir rehearsal (9.00-10.00am) and during the Sung Mass (10.30am-11.45am) and other services as required by the Rector. Accompany choral pieces, hymns and other items.
- Play prelude and postlude voluntaries - a variety of genres is welcomed.
- Improvise during the Offertory and at other points during the service as required.
- Maintain a high level of musicianship. The church is easily booked for practice time through our Church Bookings Officer. There is an on-line diary to view bookings.
- Organise the rota of organists, liaising with the rest of the team to ensure continuity, and inform the Rector and Choir director of this.
- Organise music and materials for the performance of your own duties.
- Oversee the maintenance and tuning of the organ and piano when appropriate.
- Support a positive, enjoyable and demanding ethos of music-making.

Applications and conversations of interest are invited for this post.

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