

Director of Music Vacancy

The Parish Church of the Holy Trinity in St Andrews is looking for an excellent and sensitive organist as **Director of Music** to lead and develop the musical life and worship of our congregation. Holy Trinity has a fine choir and a long tradition of a high standard of choral singing during worship and you will be expected, in consultation with the minister, to oversee the development of choral and instrumental music in our worship.

You will be expected to:

- direct the choir, comprising some experienced members and a number of choral scholars
- play the organ and the piano as required, for Sunday morning worship.
- play appropriate music for weddings and funerals for which additional fees are payable.
- play for other occasional services. You will also be expected to attend to the administration associated with all these services.
- conduct rehearsals with the choir.
- from time to time to audition and award choral scholarships as they become available.

The organ is a well maintained 3 manual Harrison, refurbished in 2008.

The piano is a brand new Yamaha C6,

Salary on point D of the Church of Scotland – Scottish Federation of Organists scale.

To apply please send a CV and covering letter to: Administrator, Holy Trinity Parish Church, St Andrews, South St, St Andrews KY16 9QW.

Email holytrinitystandrews@gmail.com

Closing date for applications: 30th November 2022

Director of Music Job Description

Employer

The Kirk Session (Trustees) of Holy Trinity Parish church St Andrews, (Church of Scotland)

Purpose

To oversee the implementation of all aspects of the musical life in the church.

To work with and support the Minister in the use of a wide range of music for worship.

To support developing opportunities for worship in the life of the church.

Time commitment

To be determined.

Holy Trinity has a long and rich choral tradition and an Introit and Anthem are sung every Sunday morning during the university semesters. There are other occasional services. There are also opportunities for concerts and recitals throughout the year.

You will be expected to rehearse the choir on a regular basis.

Accountability

The director is accountable to the Minister for appropriate music in services of worship and to the Kirk Session for music beyond public worship.

Locum Minister: Rev Marion Paton

Interim Moderator Rev David Scott

Responsibilities

Liaise with the Minister to plan the delivery of hymns and to choose other appropriate music at Sunday worship and at additional services including Christmas, Easter, Advent, Lent as well as joint services with other congregations.

Play, or oversee the playing, of the organ or piano for worship as appropriate.

Encourage and nurture the musical participation of adults and children in the congregation.

Direct and rehearse the choir, helping them to develop their musical experience. Encourage new members to join the choir.

Use and develop the repertoire of traditional, and contemporary musical styles.

The normal holiday allocation is six Sundays and you will be expected to arrange for appropriate holiday cover.

Equipment

Be responsible for the sourcing and purchase of a wide range of music and manage the music library for current and future musical needs.

Be responsible in conjunction with the Fabric and Finance committee of the Kirk Session for the oversight of care and maintenance of the organ and piano.

It should be noted that the Holy Trinity Action group is responsible for the arrangement of concerts and recitals which may involve the use of the organ and piano. The director would be involved, where necessary, in any discussions concerning these.

Finance

Liaise with the Church Treasurer regarding an appropriate budget and be responsible for the management of the music budget.

General

- To work with children and adults.
- To work in accordance with the Church of Scotland Safeguarding Policy.
- To take account of the needs and views of vulnerable people to encourage their participation in worship.
- To undertake any other work that has been agreed and is seen to be appropriate.

Required Skills

- Excellent keyboard skills
- Experience of different kinds of music in worship, both traditional and contemporary
- Experience of directing a choir
- Good people skills

Person specification

Enthusiasm to support and further the mission and aims of Holy Trinity Parish church