

Job Description for Organist / Pianist

Location: First Church of Christ, Scientist, Edinburgh, 11 Young Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4 HU.
<https://www.christianscience.org.uk/edinburgh/tour.php>

Very central position with easy access from two tram stops, Waverley or Haymarket stations and numerous bus stops.

Ongoing position.

Sunday mornings, service is from 10:30-11:30. Musicians should finish rehearsal by 10:00.

Wednesday evenings, service is from 20:00-21:00. Musician should finish rehearsal by 7:30.

Rate: £40 - £60 for Sunday service, £30- £40 for Wednesday service, depending on experience

Sunday services include:

8-10 minute prelude ending at 10:30

3 congregational hymns chosen by the First Reader in consultation with the musician.

1 solo selected in advance by the Music Committee.

1 short offertory of about 2 minutes

1 postlude of a length of musician's choosing, from 1-5 minutes

Wednesday services include:

8-10 minute prelude ending at 20:00

3 congregational hymns chosen by the First Reader in consultation with the musician.

1 postlude of a length of musician's choosing, from 1-5 minutes.

We have a two-manual, tracker-action Mander organ from 1978 which went under substantial tonal revision in 2007 by Wells Kennedy, which included conversion of one stop to a trumpet stop. There are 3 stops on the upper, swell manual and four stops on the lower, great manual, with an additional 16 foot stop for just the pedals. Foot-operated couplers hook the swell manual to the great manual, as well as the two manuals to the pedals. Finally there's a tremulant stop that can be applied to the great. There is no easy control of volume; instead there are folding doors which can be closed to soften the sound.

Images of the organ can be seen on Wells Kennedy's facebook post from 3 August 2021 when the visited to tune and repair it.

<https://www.facebook.com/wellskennedyorgans/photos/pcb.4376816525710102/4376805459044542/?type=3&theater>

Former organist, James Cook, produced two CDs called "Less is More", demonstrating that "because of the instrument's quality, integrity and disciplined design" this small organ "is capable of handling a wide range of music". The church is indebted to Mr Cook's advice and experience in revoicing the organ in 2007. <https://theartstoreonline.co.uk/product/less-is-more-ii/>

Thomas Laing Reilly was another former organist who was well known in Edinburgh organist circles.

In addition to our small organ, we also have a Bechstein upright tucked beside the organ, as well as a Broadwood baby grand piano in the opposite corner of the auditorium. The congregation is equally happy to hear either the organ or the piano, or a mix during the service as suits the music.