

# Vacancy: Director of Music

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St. Mark's is a thriving Episcopal church in the Portobello area of Edinburgh which is seeking to appoint someone to work with the rector and the congregation to lead the music at the heart of our worship.

The Director of Music will play a leading role in shaping the musical development of the worship and in organising and leading those who contribute to the musical life of the church.

In particular they will be responsible for:

- Playing for Sunday Eucharist and other services with a rota of other musicians throughout the year.
- Maintaining the rota of musicians.
- Recruiting, rehearsing and directing the choir which currently sings for special seasons/services (including the occasional evensong).
- Exploring, suggesting and facilitating alternative options for other music groups and styles including informal groups, using a wide range of ages and abilities of musicians. This could include guitar and instrumentalist groups, solo singing, music with and for children and young people. Nurturing and encouraging the confidence of the congregation as they worship through music.
- Upkeep and development of church sheet music library, maintenance of records for copyright etc purposes.

We use a variety of musical styles within the church, and there is scope to develop the musical life of the church.

Instruments in the church:

- Wyvern digital organ installed in 2009 (2 manuals, pedals, 28 stops)
- Electric Celviano piano
- Members of the congregation play guitars, other strings, recorders and sing

Current worship rhythm:

- One sung Eucharist at 10.30 Sunday mornings
- Carol Service, crib service, Midnight Mass at Christmas, some special evening services at festivals
- Traditional singing – evensong and sometimes psalms on Sunday morning
- Range of mass settings ... and keen to expand and explore new ones
- An open choir/informal music group/children's music for Christmas, and others when possible

Contract:

Full or part time depending on needs and desires of applicant. Current post-holder has been 65% time. Currently a rota of 4 organists available as well as individual instrumental and vocal musicians in the congregation and this has worked well for the church. There is a willing volunteer base within the church to help with tasks.

Salary in accordance with SFO (church with occasional choir).

Further information/application details available from:

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