

City of Edinburgh Methodist Church

Director of Music and Organist

Job Description

The Director of Music will develop and implement a music ministry that enhances our times of worship, develops and nurtures others to grow in their faith, and furthers the mission of City of Edinburgh Methodist Church.

Main areas of responsibility

1. Lead the voluntary choir (weekly rehearsal, Sunday morning rehearsal and Sunday worship).

Lead, teach and encourage the choir in their musical contribution to worship.

Encourage choir members to grow in faith through the medium of choral singing in order to enliven worship for the whole congregation.
2. Play the organ (and/or piano) for morning and occasional evening worship.
3. Bring together other musicians for regular and special worship services, including praise groups, orchestras, instrumentalists, soloists etc.
4. Play a part in the development of worship at the church, including involvement in any regular or ad hoc groups set up to discuss worship.

Additional responsibilities

1. Work with the leaders of worship and ministers to coordinate a variety of musical styles within worship.
2. Work with the leaders of worship and the Worship Group to arrange and direct special seasonal music, including hiring musicians as required. Examples include Christmas and Easter.
3. Help the choir take forward any ideas generated by them to the Leadership Team.
4. Arrange for the purchase of new music and care of all music in the choral library.
5. Arrange for relief organist (pianist) and Choir Director if on holiday.
6. Coordinate the rota of pianists for Sunday evening services as appropriate. Currently, this is for the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month.

Essential Requirements

- Organ playing to a good standard
- Choir practice leadership
- Choice of incidental music – understanding need for sympathetic choices and variety
- Leading congregational hymn singing
- Teaching new hymns – understanding need to assist congregation
- Choir development – ability to teach music to achieve a good standard, Sunday by Sunday.
- Musical development - taking part in other services and special events
- Ability to collaborate
- In sympathy with the mission, ethos and values of the Methodist Church (See www.methodist.org.uk).

Desirable Requirement

- Understanding of Methodist context with an open mind towards musical styles.

Background

- City of Edinburgh Methodist Church (CEMC) came into being in May 2008 and is the amalgamation of four Methodist congregations from across Edinburgh.
- The church worships at 25 Nicolson Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9BX.
- CEMC is a Methodist congregation and so the Methodist inheritance of a range of musical styles and participation is inherent and valued. This ranges from the hymnody of the Wesleys through to modern hymns and less formal choral and gospel material. A wide variety of cultures is represented within the congregation and we hope this can be reflected in the worship services as appropriate.

Organisation

- The Church Council has authority and oversight over the Leadership Team and all areas of the church's ministry.
- The Ministers have specific responsibilities in the life of the church, including pastoral care, worship and mission.
- One of the Ministers will act as Line Manager for the post holder.

For further information about this post please contact the church administrative office on 0131 662 8635 or email us at work4cemc@gmail.com You can also find out more about City of Edinburgh Methodist Church on our website: www.edinburghmethodist.com