

Worship Director, St Mary's Hanwell

We are seeking a new Worship Director who is passionate about seeing people worship God in song across musical traditions. At St Mary's we actively promote a 'both/and' approach to sung worship incorporating traditional hymns and modern worship songs in our services. We deliver this through a blend of choir, band and organ. This is a new expanded role to enable us to continue to grow both elements under the direction of one person.

Job description

- Plan music for services in partnership with the Rector.
- Lead worship in Sunday services as a band member (from either guitar or keys) AND lead our choir during services.
- Plan, rehearse and lead additional seasonal services throughout the year e.g. Lessons and Carols, Easter Saturday, Pimms and Hymns.
- Create greater continuity between traditional and contemporary elements of our services.
- Plan and lead a weekly choir rehearsal AND a weekly band rehearsal
- Enable band and choir members to grow and develop their skills.
- Organise rotas for band and choir, including ensuring there is an organist to play at all relevant services.
- Identify, and invest into, new band and choir members.
- Develop our repertoire of traditional and contemporary worship styles.
- Ensure we continue a both/and approach blending traditional and contemporary music.
- Meet regularly with the Rector and Leadership Team.
- To work in accordance with our safeguarding policy.
- To have fun and try new things!

Person Specification

- Be passionate about Jesus and growing as a disciple.
- Be a worshipper who loves leading others in sung worship.
- Be an encourager and team builder at every opportunity.
- Genuine love for contemporary and traditional worship music.
- Can demonstrate experience and skills in working with people of a variety of ages and musical abilities.
- Be an active member of St Mary's and committed to our vision and mission.

Essential Skills

- Experience directing and leading a choir in a church setting similar to St Mary's
- Experience of leading sung worship with a band in a church setting similar to St Mary's

- Musical ability - to play keyboard/piano and guitar(desirable) to a good standard, a confident singer, able to teach/train others
- Broad working knowledge of traditional and contemporary worship music including seasonal material e.g. Advent, Christmas etc.
- Good communicator and strong organisational skills
- Basic understanding of live sound and associated equipment

Desirable skills

- Ability to play the organ to a good standard
- Ability to arrange music for choir and band
- Experience of working with children/young people

Other information

This job is part time (14 hours per week) to be worked flexibly including evenings and Sunday mornings and all key Christian Festivals (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost). Holiday allowance of FTE 6 weeks inc max 6 Sundays.

All post holders are expected to share St Mary's commitment to safeguarding. You will need to attend all relevant safeguarding training and work according to our safeguarding policy.

There is a Genuine Occupational Requirement (GOR) that the post-holder is a practising Christian. Schedule 9 of the Equality Act 2010 applies.

Salary range

£30,225 - £33,150 (Full time Equivalent)