**THE FTW BENEFICE**

**Holy Immanuel, Fauls; Christ Church, Tilstock; St Alkmund’s, Whitchurch**

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**JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

**at St Alkmund’s, Whitchurch**

**(non-contractual document)**

**MAIN PURPOSE OF THE ROLE(S)**

**To lead and resource the musical life of St Alkmund’s Church**

**in our worship, nurture and mission**

**and to do this by working with others;**

**in accordance with the vision set out in the document entitled**

**“St Alkmund’s and Music: Review 2021”.**

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES**

* To play the organ &/or keyboard to accompany sung music at the main services each Sunday (currently 10.00am and 6.30pm)
* To play the organ &/or keyboard to accompany sung music on the Principal festivals as outlined in Clause 2 of the contract
* To play the organ &/or keyboard as requested by the Minister before and after services
* To play the organ &/or keyboard at other public services when reasonably requested to do so by the Minister
* To encourage those already involved in music to continue to contribute and those who are not yet involved to consider their involvement, especially (but not exclusively) young people
* To train the Choir / Singing group and to arrange and conduct suitable practices
* To build and develop a group / complementary groups of voluntary musicians (singers &/or instrumentalists) with diversity in musical styles, musical abilities and age range of participants
* To build on our current musical repertoire and types of accompaniment in all directions (hymns – old and more recent; modern worship songs, Taize, Iona, classical anthems, modern catholic music, other cultures, folk …..)
* To work with the Minister on music lists for services
* To work with the Minister, leadership team and PCC(s) to explore how music can be used in a mission context
* To attend occasional meetings of the PCC and leadership team and to meet regularly with the Minister
* To complete Safeguarding Training as required and to adhere to the Church’s Safeguarding Policies and Practices
* Such other duties of a comparable nature as may be required
* Alongside the PCC, to be responsible for the care and maintenance of the church’s organ and other musical instruments

**DESIRABLE DUTIES – but we recognise that the person appointed might be unable to fulfil all of these!**

* To build up music across the FTW benefice
* To play for funerals and weddings
* To play if requested for baptisms (not currently in place)
* To be involved in or support the music in other church run groups: Time Together (dementia and families), Care Homes, Community Hospital
* To take a lead in links with schools and other community groups
* To link with other musicians in the area and draw them into the life of St Alkmund’s and the FTW benefice
* To be the key link for concerts in the church
* To be proactive about concerts in the church
* To assist with concerts across the benefice
* To contribute to the on-line presence of the church
* To work with the other churches in Whitchurch on musical provision / projects
* To train or to facilitate training for church musicians as appropriate *e.g.*
  + Voices for Life or RSCM chorister awards
  + Playing the organ