

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)

N.B. this post could be filled by one person or by a job share between a Director of Music and a Deputy Director and will be revisited before an offer is made and accepted to allow for flexibility

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 (could be split between two people as mentioned above; except for those concerned with safeguarding)

- 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
- 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

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- 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 (could be split between two people as mentioned above)

- 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), Messy Church, 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