

ST NICOLAS, ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

ORGANIST / DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

St Nicolas Church, Abingdon is looking to appoint an Organist / Director of Music.

We are an ancient parish church, open to change but valuing the traditional. We have a balance of service styles, with the formal services of Holy Communion and BCP Morning Prayer being complemented by less formal All Age Services.

Music plays a key part in our services. We have a tradition of a robed choir for our more formal services, but we now need to boost membership after a number have left for university (many following musical paths). Our congregation is open to new styles of worship, and we have recently introduced guitar led worship at some of our services.

We hope that our new Director of Music would continue our music traditions but also seek to expand the choir, and consider the introduction of new elements to our music provision.

St Nicolas' is a member of the Abingdon-on-Thames Team Ministry, along with St Helen's and St Michael's.

Your role: as Organist would be to plan and provide the music used in our services and additionally as **Director of Music** to lead, support and develop our choir.

We are looking ideally for a Director of Music, but would consider appointing an Organist (or pianist) willing to develop in post. We would consider supporting appropriate external training for the candidate appointed.

Responsibilities - full details are in the Job Description.

This is a permanent position, with a start date to be agreed.

We are looking for someone

- in sympathy with our worship tradition
- experienced in playing a pipe organ and piano, preferably in a church setting
- possessing good musical, interpersonal, and organisational skills
- able to work positively with clergy, other musicians, the leadership and worship teams, and members of the public in carrying out your duties

We can offer

- a long-standing choral music tradition
- a well-maintained 2 manual pipe-organ (available outside working hours) and also a concert grade baby grand piano
- a weekly Sunday Service plus a number of other services throughout the year
- a small number of weddings and funerals
- a group of singers forming the nucleus of a choir
- a faithful congregation which values its musical heritage
- a venue, with good acoustics, suitable for small concerts and, with approval, available for teaching of piano and organ.

Pay based on RSCM guidelines

Full details and Application Form available from our website or by contacting the Vicar (Revd Paul Smith – 01235 534654) or Churchwardens (Mr Paul Rast-Lindsell, 07876 277 363, Mrs Eluned Hallas, 01235 529462) or via contact@stnicolasabingdon.org.uk

Closing Date:

Interview Dates to be arranged