

St Mary the Virgin & All Soul's, Bulwell, Nottingham

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Fees (for Sunday services and occasional offices) will be based on RSCM rates and negotiated according to the applicant's abilities and experience.

We welcome all applicants. Those with experience as a church organist and those with none. As long as you have the musical ability and the enthusiasm and willingness to engage with our welcoming community, we would love to hear from you.

For an informal chat or to apply please contact the Vicar, Fr Andrew Fisher by email on a.j.fisher@outlook.com or on 0115 975 5358.

The full advert/role description can be found below...

St Mary's Church, Bulwell Organist – Role Description

Address: St Mary the Virgin & All Souls, Bulwell, Highbury Road, Bulwell, Nottingham, NG6 9AD
Responsible to: Vicar
Appointed by: Vicar and Parochial Church Council
Hours: 10am Sunday service and other occasional services, occasional choir practices.

Description of the Church and Role

St Mary's is in the Church of England high church tradition. Most of our services are eucharistic with robed choir, servers, Readers and clergy. The average congregation is around 55 adults and 4 children. The choir is composed of five mature adults and one teenager. We use a range of music in our services from traditional hymns to more modern worship songs, and music from Taize and Iona.

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Pattern of Services

1st Sunday of the month:

- 8.45am Said Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer (no organist required).
- 10am Parade Service with Baptisms or Family Mass (if no baptisms). All-age services which last around an hour. Both have sung responses from the Roman Catholic Children's Liturgies (set to nursery rhymes) and a short talk. There can be lots of children present for the Parade Service with Baptisms, and un-churched families. More modern hymns and songs are used.

2nd and 4th, Sundays of the month:

- Parish Mass. Common Worship Order One with seasonal variations. Hymns and a simple mass setting sung by the congregation.

3rd Sunday of the month:

- Parish Mass put together by our Youth Group. Common Worship Order One with some African Anglican variations. More modern hymns and songs are used. Simple mass setting sung by the congregation.

5th Sundays of the month:

- Service for Healing & Wholeness from the Common Worship Pastoral Services book. Hymns and a simple mass setting sung by the congregation.

Occasional Offices

The church is a popular venue for baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Person Specification

- Capable organist
- Team player
- Prepared to get to know the choir and to boost the singing by a regular choir practice.
- Prepared to get to know the congregation by staying for coffee from time to time and to boost the singing by a monthly singing practice with the congregation five minutes before the service starts.

- The energy and passion to enthuse the choir and congregation about singing and music.
- Ideally with experience as a church organist. But if not with the enthusiasm to develop the skills by attending suitable courses, learning a wide selection of voluntaries etc
- Ideally familiar with church music and able to choose appropriate hymns and songs for services (in cooperation with the Vicar/Readers)
- Ideally a practising Christian or at least sympathy with the Christian faith and an appreciation and understanding of Church of England services.

Terms and Conditions and Fees

The organist will be asked to sign a working agreement setting out the terms and conditions of the role. The post will be subject to a DBS check and the necessary Church of England safeguarding protocols.

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