

The Parish of St. George, Stockport with St. Gabriel, Adswood, Diocese of Chester

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Thank you so much for enquiring about the post of Director of Music at St George's Church in Stockport.

This parish is the second largest in Chester Diocese with 23,030 inhabitants. St George's Church is a Grade 1 listed building and was built to seat 1401 people and is a significant building in terms of size, architecture and reputation. We are often used for civic functions, diocesan services, concerts, school services and large funerals from outside of the parish boundary.

St Gabriel's Mission Church is our other church and is located in a Priority 1 neighbourhood of significant social deprivation in Adswood. Funerals and baptisms are occasionally held in this building and 2018 brings our first wedding. The choir do come and support some services there which is appreciated by the congregation who call themselves "The Little Flock".

The style of worship at St George's might be described as central with a focus on the Eucharist. We also enjoy All Age Worship (non Eucharistic) with the Singing Group taking the lead, Taize style Worship which is designed by someone in the music group and healing services. We also have a talented group of handbell ringers. Whilst we have many capable and enthusiastic writers and musicians, we would hope that the Director of Music would oversee and support all that goes on in the parish.

We also have special services for Advent, Christmas, Holy Week and Easter which allows us to be more creative and include a wider repertoire of Hymns, anthems, poetry, readings and Scripture.

There is an annual St Julien's day service with the Cheshire regiment, St George's day service with scouting movement (around 800), Battle of Britain service with Air Training Corps and Veterans) and we have had to add an extra Christingle service to accommodate over 700 people in safety.

We had 13 weddings and 4 wedding blessings this year, 2 of the blessings requiring an organist and next year we have 12 weddings booked in so far. We have had 30 funerals, many of which were in church and most requiring an organist and some took place in the crematorium chapels over the road. There has been the opportunity for our church organist to play at those services.



We are a very busy place with lots going on. There is the opportunity for your own personal development here working with a good quality instrument which has recently been refurbished and the opportunity to lead and grow our choristers, singers and other musicians to their full potential.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch for a chat or for a visit around the church.

Yours sincerely



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