



The Collegiate Church of the Holy Cross & the Mother of Him who hung thereon, Crediton

Organ Scholarship Job Description

The Organ Scholar works alongside the Rector, Director of Music and Assistant Organist to provide appropriate music for Divine Service. He/She is immediately responsible to the Director of Music.

Each Scholarship lasts for one year, which is subject to renewal after that period, in consultation with the Rector and Director of Music.

Duties

The Organ Scholar's duties include:

Playing the organ or piano for part or the whole of choir practice, as required (usually Tuesdays 5.45pm–7pm and Fridays 6pm–8.45pm).

Playing the organ for whole or part of a choral service.

Assisting the Director of Music in the individual training of theory to singers (either adult or junior choristers), or helping individuals learn their voice parts.

The Scholars will also be expected to take rehearsals and direct the choir occasionally and to help with minor administration as necessary, e.g. photocopying etc. They may also be asked to meet visiting organists if the Director of Music or Assistant Organist are unable to.

As well as developing his/her accompanying and directing skills, the Organ Scholar is also encouraged to develop their solo repertoire. To that end, each Scholar is encouraged to give a short public recital (c. 30 minutes) at Crediton Church during their tenure.

Organ Scholars may be required to play or direct for weddings and funerals, for which a separate fee is payable.

Usually the Organ Scholar will play for part of some choral services with the Assistant Organist. When not playing, the Scholar is expected to assist the other organist (page turning, registration etc.) or sing in the choir.

Attendance

These Scholarships are designed to fit loosely around the Academic year, so we would therefore not expect the Scholars to attend during the main summer vacation.

The Scholars will usually attend major feast days including Holy Week and the Easter Triduum in addition to special occasions such as cathedral visits, the Advent and Christmas carol services,

broadcasts etc., in consultation with the Director of Music. Organ Scholars are not expected to attend Midnight Mass or Christmas Day services.

The minimum Sunday attendance for one year is 35 weeks.

The Organ Scholar will be given keys to the organ and an outside church door (usually the St Nicholas Chapel door). These keys are on loan for the duration of his/her Scholarship only.

The Organ Scholar may use the organ for their private practice, at a time mutually agreeable between the Director of Music and Assistant Organist and not during Divine Service.

Remuneration

The Scholars are currently paid £825 per year in three separate instalments: £275 at the end of each term.

Extra fees for weddings/funerals/memorial services etc. are paid on an *ad hoc* basis.

The period of the Scholarship is one year (12 months from the agreed starting date) and is renewable subject to the agreement of the Rector and Director of Music (in consultation with the Choir Committee and Assistant Organist).

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