

St. Michael's Parish Church, Linlithgow

JOB DESCRIPTION

1. Post Title

Organist

2. Post Location

St. Michael's Parish Church, Linlithgow, EH49 7AL

3. Reporting Arrangements

Responsible to the Director of Music.

4. Overall purpose of Post

To enhance Christian worship through organ and piano music.

5. Main Duties

- Play the organ and piano as required at weekly church services, and occasionally at seasonal services such as Christmas Day (note – playing during services may involve playing with instrumental groups including children and young people)
- Accompany choir and other rehearsals as requested by the Director of Music
- Be available to play for funerals and weddings in the Church Sanctuary
- Maintain a high quality of ability on organ and piano
- Monitor the condition of the organ and piano and arrange tuning or maintenance as required.

6. Person Specification

It is **essential** that you can demonstrate:

- A high level of musical skill on both organ and piano
- Confidence in a wide range of musical styles
- the ability to work collaboratively with others
- an understanding of Christian faith and of how music can facilitate worship.

In addition, it is **desirable** that you have:

- previous experience in a comparable role
- a recognised qualification in playing the organ or piano
- experience in accompanying a choir and playing with instrumental groups
- a progressive attitude to the use of music in church worship.

7. Contractual Arrangements

The appointment will be on a permanent contract at a salary equivalent to level a) of the Scottish Federation of Organists' recommended pay scales. In addition, there will be opportunities from time to time to play at weddings and funerals, for which a separate fee may be payable.

7. Protection of Vulnerable Groups

As the nature of the duties of the post constitute 'regulated work' with children, the post is offered subject to the completion by you of the Church of Scotland Safeguarding Service self declaration form and the obtaining of a Scheme record in terms of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007, and to both being in satisfactory terms.