

ST JAMES THE GREAT, NORTON

-a 12th century church on the southern fringe of **SHEFFIELD**- seeks to appoint an

ORGANIST and CHOIR DIRECTOR

to continue and develop a solid tradition of Anglican music.

A small, experienced SATB choir sings Sunday Eucharist, with motet, and a monthly sung evensong. The church is popular for weddings.

Brindley & Foster 2-manual organ. Remuneration within RSCM guidelines.

Please apply with CV to the Rector: geoffreywhite_333@hotmail.com

DRAFT JOB DESCRIPTION

The organist and choir director will be expected to

Have a broad knowledge of **music** in Christian worship, particularly the traditional repertoire.

Play competently for a **weekly Eucharist*** at 10.30am; also for a monthly sung Evensong,

four or five other services in the year, and for **weddings and funerals** (where possible);

Direct a weekly **choir practice** (currently on a Friday evening) and encourage singers, notably through the use of the RSCM scheme in training and forming younger members of the choir;

Work with the Rector in **selecting music** and developing the musical repertoire;

Abide by **safeguarding** policies, and demonstrate current DBS/CBR clearance.

We would also hope that the appointee would be keen to

Maintain and develop links with local **schools** in order to resume choir recruitment; and to

Make use of **RSCM** and other local musical links to improve the quality of music-making.

There is also a thriving **Community Choir** and a smaller Youth Choir, which would offer further musical opportunities, if desired.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The Organ, by a reputed local company, is a great asset to the church –N01066 on the National Pipe Organ register- and funds are allocated towards its care. It will remain playable, but is to be thoroughly cleaned and overhauled in sections during the coming months; our advisor for this work is Dr Simon Lindley.

Around 20 weddings a year take place at St James', mainly on Saturday afternoons; Sunday weddings and any which are professionally recorded incur increased fees. These would generate a potential additional income of about £1,500, with a smaller amount for funerals, over and above the basic honorarium / salary. While the organist may not be able to accompany all these services, it is usual for him/her to be responsible for engaging a competent deputy.

* The pattern of morning services has a Sung Eucharist every Sunday at 10.30am, except that on the second Sunday of the month worship is less formal, and in most cases incorporates a parade service for Scouts, Guides &c. However, the service usually remains a Eucharist, except for Christingle (Dec), and Remembrance Sunday (Nov), when the traditional service of the day starts at 10.20 and ends with an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. The March Family Service is displaced to Mothering Sunday, and has only occasionally taken the form of a Eucharist.