

St Matthew's Church, Darley Abbey, Derby



Thank you for your interest in St Matthew's and its music. We are a friendly church community in an attractive village within a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and having a long-standing Anglican choral worship tradition.

The Role

The commitment for the Organist and Choir Director role is to play for one Sunday morning service per week, conduct one Choral Evensong per month, direct and rehearse our robed SATB choir at their weekly practice and plan worship music in collaboration with the ministry team. There are occasional weekday festival services, and the option of playing for weddings and funerals as required.

We also have an assistant organist who usually plays for choral evensong and other festal occasions thus allowing the choir director to conduct the choir.

The Choir

Our enthusiastic choir has worked successfully with the current role holder for many years. As a result of his retirement, we now have an opportunity for the right successor to take up the baton. We are looking for someone sympathetic to our choral tradition whilst having the vision and enthusiasm to refresh and carry it into the future.

We have used the RSCM Voice for Life training scheme to train previous young choristers, and we have a good relationship with two local primary schools (one C of E). In association with Derby Cathedral, we hope to explore involvement with the National Schools Singing Programme.

The Organ

We have a 2-manual pipe organ with detached console by Jonathan Wallace of Henry Groves, installed in 2001. It has often been used for recitals by cathedral organists.

Remuneration

This is to be in line with RSCM recommended minimum rates, subject to agreement regarding commitment and role. This is supplemented by playing for weddings and funerals.

An enhanced DBS check will be required. Informal enquiries are welcome to lesley.futter19@gmail.com

To apply for the role please email lesley.futter19@gmail.com stating any relevant experience and/or qualifications and with full contact details. **Applications to be received by 8 September**