

Music Minister
St. John's Church in Beverly Farms, MA

Part-time (15 hours/week)

Initial Salary: \$35,000

Position summary

St. John's Church in Beverly Farms is an historic Episcopal church with a vibrant, inclusive worshipping community that appreciates excellent music. We seek a Minister of Music who will work closely with the rector, other staff, our paid section leaders, and our volunteer choir to provide music that enriches our worship by glorifying God, and by inspiring and empowering the worshipping members of St. John's. At times, that music will stand alone in the service, inviting the congregation into meditative reflection. At other times, the music will be participatory, fostering a sense of community. At all times, we seek music that connects us with God and each other.

Responsibilities

Liturgical Duties

- ❖ Play the organ and piano for one Sunday service
- ❖ Play the organ and piano on Christmas Eve (3 services), Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Day, and potentially other occasional services
- ❖ In consultation with the rector, select and prepare music for all services, drawing primarily - though not exclusively - from the Episcopal/Anglican traditions
- ❖ Lead and inspire congregational singing with skill, enthusiasm and sensitivity
- ❖ In consultation with the families involved, provide music for weddings and funerals (for additional compensation)

Adult Choir

- ❖ Recruit and direct the adult choir
- ❖ Supervise and hire (if necessary) section leaders
- ❖ Coordinate choir rehearsals (currently from 7-9 pm on Wednesday, and 9-9:30 am on Sunday morning)
- ❖ Maintain regular communication with choir members and section leaders via phone calls, emails and at choir rehearsals
- ❖ When appropriate, arrange for additional musicians to play during the service

Administrative Responsibilities

- ❖ Maintain the music library

- ❖ Care for the instruments and arrange for regular maintenance/tuning/acquisition/etc.
 - ❖ Attend staff and liturgy planning meetings, either virtually or in person
 - ❖ Communicate clearly and regularly with staff, section leaders and volunteers regarding schedules, rehearsals and music plans
 - ❖ Arrange for substitute musicians when necessary
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Qualifications

- ❖ Degree in music or professional experience
 - ❖ Proven organ and piano performance
 - ❖ Proficiency in choral conducting experience
 - ❖ Familiar with Episcopal/Anglican liturgical traditions preferred but not necessary
 - ❖ Effecting communication skills with a collaborative approach to ministry is a must
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Compensation & Benefits

- ❖ Competitive salary of \$35,000
- ❖ Four weeks paid vacation per calendar year
- ❖ Five days sick leave per year
- ❖ 2 unpaid vacation weeks per year
- ❖ Use of church facilities for teaching

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