

# Christ Church, Reading

## Organ and Choral Scholarships

### **Music at Christ Church:**

Christ Church is a welcoming Church of England church with a proud and ambitious musical tradition. Music at our church ranges from hymn singing to Choral Eucharist and Choral Evensong. There are at least four choral services a month. Furthermore, there are also festival services and occasional concerts.

The choir, of approximately 30 members, sings a wide range of music from the Anglican, European and spiritual traditions. Our repertoire includes music by Byrd, Palestrina, Purcell, Mozart, Wesley, Stanford, Howells, Duruflé as well as contemporary composers. In recent years the choir has sung services at Winchester Cathedral and Salisbury Cathedral.

### **The role of the Organ and Choral Scholars:**

The Organ Scholars accompany hymn singing, play voluntaries before and after the service and accompany the choir. The Organ Scholars assist with rehearsals and with training the trebles of the choir. They are expected to be present to participate in or to observe and support other choral services.

The Choral Scholars sing services with the choir throughout the year, as part of the regular pattern of worship at Christ Church. Organ and Choral Scholars will have at least one free Sunday a month and may request leave around examination periods, to be agreed with the Director of Music.

### **Development and mentoring:**

The Choral Scholarship comes with an honorarium of **£150-£750** (depending on experience and ability).

The Organ Scholarship comes with an honorarium of **£600-£1050** (depending on experience and ability). There is also an additional grant for organ lessons of up to **£750**.

For exceptional candidates, additional fees may be available for performing at festival services, wedding and funerals. Depending on the experience, skills and interests of the Organ and Choral Scholars, there may be opportunities to lead rehearsals, conduct the choir in services and study harmony and composition.

### **Skills and experience required:**

Successful applicants will have strong team work skills and the ability and willingness to learn new music quickly. For guidance, applicants for a Choral Scholarship should be at least Grade 6 or RSCM Silver award standard. Applicants for an Organ Scholarship should be at least Grade 7 piano or organ.

### **Other ways of being part of music at Christ Church:**

As a church and as a choir we aim to be welcoming to all. If you would prefer to sing in the choir without applying for scholarship, or take part in music at Christ Church on a less frequent basis, please do make contact. We are always keen to add to our list of organists and singers who would be able to deputise or to augment the choir for special events.

### **Further information and applications:**

To request further information about music at Christ Church, or to arrange an informal discussion please contact the Director of Music, Jamie Hudson: [music.ccreading@gmail.com](mailto:music.ccreading@gmail.com)

The scholarships are available from the beginning of September 2017 and applications are now open. To allow for the different starting points of academic term, applications remain open till 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017.