

# Choir Director at St George the Martyr, Wash Common in the Benefice of St George and St John, Newbury.

## Job description and person specification

### Purpose of the part time role is to:

- support the development of choral music to enrich congregational worship.

### Key functions of the role are to:

- lead choral elements within services to support congregational worship (including any live-streamed and online services),
- bring out the best in a capable, mixed age and ability, robed choir,
- help make the choir attractive to new members, including children, as an outreach opportunity for the church,
- run weekly practices (currently on Friday evenings term time only) and other rehearsals as necessary with an ability to provide accompaniment,
- lead the choir on Sundays and festivals, except during the school summer holidays and the Sundays immediately following Christmas Day and Easter Day,
- refresh the existing repertoire, and develop the skills to achieve more ambitious works,
- lead the coaching of existing and new choir members including providing support for RSCM Voice for Life awards,
- work with the church organist, vicar and others in planning and delivery of services following the lectionary seasons and themes.

### Personal qualities

- A good standard of musicianship and a broad knowledge of appropriate music.
- A good understanding of Anglican liturgy and the role of music within worship to maximise its role in the spirituality of worship.
- To respect and work within the church tradition of St George's.
- Appreciate the musical ability and potential of choristers of all ages and ability, and to nurture their contribution.
- Good interpersonal and communication skills in a range of contexts.
- To be well prepared for practices and worship, and to support choir members to do likewise.
- A good time-keeper.
- Share the church's commitment to safeguarding and inclusion and to undertake all associated training.