

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral Church of Saint Philip

VACANCY FOR CATHEDRAL ORGAN SCHOLAR



Job Title	Organ Scholar
Reporting to	Head of Music
Hours of Work	11.5 hours per week (flexibility essential) at a time to be agreed by your line manager
Location	Birmingham Cathedral, Birmingham City Centre
Line Management Responsibility	May act as a Choir Chaperone
Salary	£5286 p/a

The Cathedral Music Department consists of separate boy and girl choristers, lay clerks and choral scholars (male and female), the Head of Music, David Hardie, the Assistant Head of Music, Ashley Wagner, the Voice Coach, the Choir Librarians and the Organ Scholar. The Canon Precentor oversees the work of the department. Previous organ scholars include international recitalist Henry Fairs, Oliver Waterer, now Director of Music at St David's Cathedral, and more recently Andrew Wyatt, now Assistant Director of Music at Chester Cathedral.

Outline of Duties

The Organ Scholar will be expected to accompany services, play voluntaries, supervise choristers, and assist the Head of Music and their Assistant in various ways. Depending on the Organ Scholar's skills and experience, additional responsibilities may include administrative work, choir training and directing, giving recitals and learning by observation and page-turning at more important rehearsals and services. The Organ Scholar may also get opportunities to sing with the choir but this is not an essential part of the role. The Organ Scholar is by default accompanist to the St Philip's Singers, the Cathedral's adult voluntary choir.

Please note: This description is not intended to establish a total definition of the role.

Personal Profile

The person selected for this role will:

- have an understanding of and sympathy for the Christian life and ethos of the Cathedral;
- have demonstrated ability as an accompanist and solo performer;
- be able to establish good working relationships with colleagues, and work as part of a team in the Music Department and wider Cathedral Community.

Terms and Conditions

- The Organ Scholar may be required to be on duty at any choral services, including the periods up to and including Christmas and Easter.
- The Organ Scholar may be required to play for extra services, for which a fee may be payable.
- The Organ Scholar is appointed by the Head of Music, who has delegated responsibility for the music department from the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral.
- The Cathedral is a working church, open every day for visitors. All Cathedral staff are expected to be sensitive to the needs of those coming to the Cathedral for worship and prayer.
- Safeguarding: The Organ Scholar will hold a position of trust within the Cathedral, and will be responsible for direct supervision of the children of the Choir. Appointment to this post is subject to a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Enhanced Disclosure Certificate. **Birmingham Cathedral is committed to prioritising the safety of children and vulnerable adults.** As such the post holder will be required to work with their colleagues to make sure that the Cathedral's Safeguarding Policy is observed at all times and report immediately any concerns or issues they may have that threaten the safety or welfare of any child within the care of the Cathedral.

For detailed information on the rhythm of sung services, please see the Cathedral website at www.birminghamcathedral.com/music

We are an equal opportunities employer. We welcome applications from all suitably qualified persons. However, as those from minority ethnic groups are currently under-represented in our staff team, we would particularly welcome applications from those groups.