

Bath Abbey Organ Scholarship

Job Title: Bath Abbey Organ Scholarship

Reports to: Director of Music

Salary: £5000 per annum – paid in 10 equal monthly instalments

Hours: 15 hours a week during choir term time

Contract: Fixed Term

Holiday Entitlement: 12.5 days (equivalent of 6.6 weeks) pro rata and includes bank holidays - to be taken outside of the school term.

Background

Bath Abbey is a major centre for Christian worship, a leading venue for tourism and cultural events, and a treasured part of Britain's heritage. It lies at the heart of Bath, occupying a central place in the celebration of worship, special events and the life of this unique and elegant World Heritage city.

We are committed to being an equal opportunities employer and to ensuring that everyone, job applicants, customers, and other people with whom we deal, are treated fairly and not subject to discrimination. We will do whatever is necessary to provide genuine equality of opportunity. We continuously review our policies and processes to support our aim to create a workforce as diverse as the nation the Church of England serves.

Scholarship Summary:

Under the direction of the Director of Music you will be fully involved in the busy life of the Music Department and given opportunities to play the world famous Klais organ and grow as a musician by working alongside a busy and thriving music department.

- To help with the training and accompaniment of the Abbey choirs
- To develop theory training with the boys and girls choristers
- Play before and after Abbey Services
- Assist with the coordination and development of the music group
- Play twice a month for the Informal Sunday Evening Service a small number of occasions each term you will assist with the choral outreach programme, including the cathedral's Junior and Youth choirs and adult community choir.
- As Organ Scholar you will be invited to give an organ recital in the Summer Series during your year in post.
- To assist with professional development, these duties will change in order to give the candidate more experience of accompanying, and later training, the Abbey choirs by arrangement.



The Abbey Choir Schedules

Monday	Girls Choir rehearsal 4.30 - 6.00pm – arrive from 3.45
Tuesday	Boys Choir rehearsal 4.30 - 6.00pm – arrive from 3.45
Wednesday	Melody Makers rehearsal 5.00-6.30pm
Thursday from 3.45	4.30 - 6.45pm Girls and Lay-clerks rehearsal and Evensong (5.30pm) arrive Lay-clerks rehearsal 6.45-7.30 Chamber Choir rehearsal 7.40 – 9.00
Friday	Boys Choir rehearsal 4.30-6.00 – arrive from 3.45pm (Evensong at 5.30pm 1 x per month) 1 x per month 5.30-7.00 rehearsal
Sunday	Rehearsal from 8.30am Parish Eucharist 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11.30am Choral Evensong 3.30pm (rehearsal 2.15) Informal Evening Service 6.30pm

Additional background information

- This position will be particularly attractive to candidates studying full-time at university (music or other degree subjects),
- As Organ Scholar you are entitled to take holidays, by negotiation with the Director of Music, within choir holiday periods. There will be an expectation to share some holiday Sunday duties in the holiday periods when worship is maintained by visiting choirs.
- The Abbey Organ, built by Klais in 1997, is renowned for its vibrancy, colour and energy and the Organ Scholar will be encouraged to use it for rehearsal, along with the other organists, as the Abbey diary allows.
- Lessons can be arranged with the Director of Music, or Assistant Director of Music according to availability.
- Our Abbey Choirs and our Music Department are structured as follows:



Abbey Choirs

Abbey Boys' choir

Abbey Girls' choir

12 Lay Clerks

Abbey Chamber Choir

Abbey Melody Makers

Music Department Staff

Huw Williams – Director of Music

Assistant Organist

Mary Horner – Music Support

Delyth Cardy – Girls' Choir Chaperone

Robert Burnet – Boys' Choir Chaperone

Safeguarding

This scholarship is subject to the completion of a confidential self-declaration form, an enhanced DBS clearance, and completion of the relevant Church of England Safeguarding training.

The scholarship holder must be in sympathy with the aims and ethos of the Church of England and to fully support the Mission and Values of Bath Abbey.

Organ scholars hours

Total c14.7 hours per week as an average

2 6.30s per month	4 p/m
Accompany the music group	4 p/m
2 Chamber choir per month	8 p/m
Pre-service music	8 p/m
Theory	4 p/m
Admin meetings	9 p/m
Organ practice	18 p/m
Librarian	8p/m





Please send your CV and letter to Huw Williams, Director of Music at the following email address: hwilliams@bathabbey.org

Deadline for applications: Friday 16 December 2022, 5pm

