

Music Ministry Trainee

Role Description



We are looking for a Music Ministry Trainee to join our team for one year (possibly extending to two).

This position is ideal for anyone keen to serve, explore the possibility of future gospel ministry and grow to be a more effective member of a church family.

Check out our website:
cockfosters.church/jobs

Our Church Family

A vibrant, diverse and growing church family, we are a conservative evangelical church situated in a pleasant suburb of North London with excellent transport links to Central London, the surrounding countryside and the M25 motorway. Our church was founded in 1839 and is known for strong biblical teaching and expository ministry.

Around 320 adults and 100 children and young people attend regularly across three services and livestreams on a Sunday. Our outstanding church school, Trent C of E Primary School, and our in-house café provides us with excellent links into the community and strong mission opportunities with young families.

In recent years we have seen a number of exciting developments in the life of our church including the planting of Grace Church Highlands in 2007 (www.gracechurchhighlands.co.uk) and a major refurbishment of our church hall (Christ Church House) in 2011. We prayerfully hope to be church planting in the near future and God willing in the coming years we hope to renovate our 180-year old church building, bringing it's infrastructure into the 21st Century and ensuring it is a welcoming space for church family life.

Our Staff Team

Jon Tuckwell, Vicar

Chris Edwards, Associate Vicar

David Gibson, Music Minister

Tom Inman, Children's and Families Minister

Jonathon Burrows, Youth Minister (p/t)

Vava Tsioupra, Operations Manager

Celeste Tilley, Communications Officer (p/t)

Janice Whitman, Pastoral Associate (p/t)

Karen Sleeman, Pastoral Associate (p/t)

Beccy Ratcliff, House Café Minister

Elia Casotti, Deputy House Café Minister & Site Manager

Amelia Dew, Music Ministry Trainee

Robert Espie, Ministry Trainee

Marion Poojari, Ministry Trainee (p/t)

Claire Hammer, Financial Administrator (p/t)

The role

We are looking for a Music Ministry Trainee to join us for one year (possibly extending to a second year) from 1 September 2022. Whilst having a music focus, you will be serving alongside other members of the ministry leadership team at Christ Church helping to make disciples for Jesus.

This position is ideal for someone considering the possibility of a full-time music ministry post in the future or wanting training to be a more effective leader and member of a church music team. You will work closely with the Music Minister to lead and administer the music at Christ Church and be a member of our Music Ministry team of around 30 regular musicians.

Opportunities to grow in areas of music ministry include:

- Band leading
- Service planning and song choosing
- Discipling and training musicians
- Musical skills including singing, learning additional instruments and song writing
- Orchestrating and arranging
- Choir directing and orchestra management
- Church service media team (sound/projection/camera/livestreaming)
- Music administration

Alongside music ministry, candidates will be able to get involved in other areas of church life including:

- Children's ministry (3-11s)
- Younger youth (11-14s)
- Older youth (14-18s)
- Young adults
- Enquirers courses
- Marketing & social media
- Café volunteering
- Seniors

(Specific interested in any of these specialist roles should indicated on your application form.)

This is a full time volunteer role (6 days per week including Sundays). Working some evenings are a normal and expected aspect of working for a church. A weekly timetable of work will be drawn up in conjunction with the applicants line manager to ensure biblical, balanced and healthy work habits.

Our Ministry Trainees undertake three main strands of work:

1. Ministry Support

In seeking to develop disciplers of God's people, successful applicants will have opportunities to grow in areas of ministry support within a vibrant church family and active staff team. Specific word ministry responsibilities can be determined in conjunction with the applicant, considering their gifts, experience and thoughts on future full-time ministry.

Ministry support can include: one to one discipleship, preparing and leading Bible studies, giving short talks, planning and leading corporate worship, giving a testimony etc

2. Administrative and Practical Support

Alongside these word ministry opportunities, our Ministry Trainees will assist with the administrative and practical life of the church and its various ministries on a weekly basis. This may include set up and set down for church events, opening up and locking church for services and events, supporting the tech team or assisting in administration depending on the gifts of the applicant.

3. Training

We are committed to ongoing biblical and practical training as a staff team. As such, our Ministry Trainees attend a training course throughout the year, whether at Cornhill (including additional Music Ministry strand) or Oak Hill College, training in Biblical Counselling or other training courses as deemed suitable. Attendance at least one conference a year is also strongly encouraged.

Within church, our Ministry Trainees will learn about the internal workings of church life through attending staff strategy meetings, review meetings and planning meetings. Our trainees will also receive regular mentorship from a senior member of the pastoral leadership team.

Personal Specification

Music Ministry Trainees should:

- Know and love Jesus and desire to grow in their personal walk with Him.
- Be enthusiastic and passionate about church and the spiritual growth of others.
- Play one instrument to a high standard and have some ability as a singer and on piano or guitar.
- Have strong communication skills.
- Be hard working, ready for a challenge and keen to learn.
- Work well in a team and display integrity and loyalty.
- Display spiritual maturity and relate well to all ages.
- Display planning and organisational qualities.
- Be computer literate.

Finances & accommodation

Suitable accommodation for the applicant will be provided for by the PCC, (including Council Tax, broadband and all utilities). Any work related expenses will also be reimbursed.

Trainees are encouraged to lead on a Summer Venture and attend at least one conference a year. Costs for these alongside other training costs will be covered by the PCC.

In addition, as this is an unwaged volunteer role, you will be encouraged to set up a Stewardship account (www.stewardship.org.uk) to provide a tax efficient means of individuals supporting you in this role for general living expenses. We ask that our ministry trainees seek to raise up to £5000 per annum from family and friends to support their living costs whilst serving the church. This is good practice to grow in dependence of God for our daily bread. We can also advise and connect the applicant with sponsors to further support your fundraising.

Applying for the role

Interested candidates should send the following:

- A CV including two referees (one of whom should be your current Church Minister)
- A completed application form (available on request from the church office - office@cockfosters.church)
- A covering letter explaining why you are applying for this role

An Occupational Requirement exists for the post-holder to be a practising Christian in accordance with the Equality Act 2010. An enhanced DBS Disclosure will also be required prior to starting as a Ministry Trainee.

Informal enquiries welcomed by David Gibson, Music Minister - (david.g@cockfosters.church)

We offer flexibility on start dates throughout the year to suit the candidate. However we encourage applications by April 1st 2021 for a September start. The post will be allocated through a formal interview process.

Christ Church Cockfosters reimburses reasonable travel costs to and from interview within the UK.