



**St Cyprian's Parish Church
Clarence Gate**

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
Job Description**

St Cyprian's is an Anglican Parish within the Church of England in the Diocese of London and is a small but flourishing congregation, living our calling as Christians. Our worship is based on the very best traditions within the Church of England founded upon the Sacraments and the Bible.

At the heart of our worship is the Sacrament of the Mass, the Eucharist, Holy Communion, wherein the Risen Christ is made present in both word and sacrament.

The Church is at the northernmost end of Glentworth Street, which runs parallel to Baker Street and opposite Francis Holland School. The nearest London Underground station is Baker Street. Buses 139 & 189 pass close to our door. There is very limited street parking.

St Cyprian's Parish Church wishes to appoint an Assistant Director of Music to work alongside the Director of Music. The principal duties will be to accompany and occasionally direct the choir at the regular pattern of services. It is hoped that the appointment will commence on 27th November (Advent Sunday).

The post is intended for a highly-skilled professional organist, with significant experience in choral accompaniment and liturgical playing. The successful candidate will also have at least some expertise as a choir trainer. It is likely that the post will be held in conjunction with a freelance portfolio career, and there is the necessary flexibility for the demands of the post to be tailored to suit the needs and interests of the successful candidate.

Music at St Cyprian's

The Parish enjoys a highly active musical life and has a fine three-manual Spurden Rutt organ and a Kawai grand piano. The choir, which consists primarily of alumni choral scholars from university chapel choirs, is a flexible line-up of enthusiastic volunteers who maintain a professional standard of music-making.

The Assistant Director of Music will be expected to play organ voluntaries showing a high level of musical resource. There will be extensive access to the Spurden Rutt organ for practice.

Assistant Director of Music Duties

The Assistant Director of Music shall be responsible to the Director of Music in all the duties pertaining to the parish church.

- To accompany all choral services under the direction of the Director of Music, including the Sunday morning Parish Mass, Choral Evensong (once per month), Advent & Christmas carol services, Midnight Mass, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Ascension Day.
- To conduct the choir in the absence of the Director of Music.
- To participate as required in the annual St Cyprian's Festival Concert (usually a major oratorio) and the annual choir fundraising event.
- To play for occasional offices and special services (weddings, funerals etc) as required. Extra fees are payable.
- To accompany the choir on occasional cathedral visits and overseas tours. Extra fees are payable.
- To instigate and run a monthly chamber music series in consultation with the Director of Music.

Weekly Routine

Sunday

9.30 - 10.15am	Choir rehearsal
10.30 - 11.45am	Parish Mass

Once per month

4.30 - 5.45pm	Choir rehearsal
6.00 - 6.45pm	Choral Evensong

On the Sundays when choral evensong is sung, the Parish Mass is congregational. Playing for this service is shared between the Director of Music and the Assistant Director of Music.

The Spurden Rutt Organ

The Spurden Rutt organ at St Cyprian's is a fine three-manual instrument available to the Assistant Director of Music for practice (and teaching if desired) subject to availability of the church premises.

Further Information

The annual stipend is £4,500 per annum, payable in monthly installments. The appointment will be subject to satisfactory completion of a 3-month probationary period and the successful candidate will be required to undergo DBS screening.

As this is an employed post, there is a holiday entitlement of 6 Sundays per annum (to be taken at times agreed with the Director of Music) and there may be additional flexibility to allow the successful applicant to pursue and develop their musical career outside St Cyprian's.

Auditions & Interviews

Short-listed candidates will be interviewed at St Cyprian's.

The selection process will include:

- Accompanying a quartet from the choir in a short piece under the direction of the Director of Music
- Conducting a quartet from the choir in a short rehearsal
- Organ playing consisting of:
 - Performance of a piece by J S Bach
 - Performance of a piece of the candidate's choice
 - Sight-reading of a choral accompaniment
 - Hymn playing
 - Improvisation

Practice time on the Spurden Rutt organ will be made available before the day, and full details of repertoire to be prepared will be made available to short-listed candidates beforehand.

Applications

Applications should include a covering letter outlining your reasons for applying and suitability for the post, a full CV and the names and contact details of two referees.

Applications should be sent by email to stcypriansadom@gmail.com arriving no later than 10th June. Interviews will take place on the evenings of 17th and 24th June.