

Choral Director *Application Pack*



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NATIONAL SCHOOLS SINGING PROGRAMME

Introduction



The Diocese of Salford is looking to recruit an outstanding Choral Director to help deliver the work of the Salford Schools Singing Programme in diocesan schools. The programme forms part of the National Schools Singing Programme, founded and supported by the Hamish Ogston Foundation. Under the leadership of Salford Cathedral's Director of Music, Alex Patterson, the programme now includes a Choral Director, Kathryn Bradley, and the team work closely together, engaging with over 785 children across the whole of our Diocese each week.

We are at an exciting phase of development as we continue to roll out our programme. Thanks to the ongoing generosity of the Hamish Ogston Foundation, the Diocese is now able to expand the work of the programme by appointing a new Choral Director to join our team. They will lead weekly in-class singing sessions in schools and be responsible for both establishing and directing after-school choirs.

The Choral Director will also work closely with the Director of Music to contribute to the vision of the Cathedral's Music Foundation, located in the heart of Salford. The Cathedral has undergone a musical renaissance since the appointment of its first full time Director of Music in 2020. It is now home to a family of choirs which offer progression routes for singers as young as six to make music in our beautiful Cathedral. Recent musical achievements include two BBC Broadcasts in 2021 (Sunday Worship and Midnight Mass both broadcast live on BBC Radio 4) as well as giving the first performances of music written specially for the choir by Amy Summers, Florence Maunders, and Peter Leech.

The Choral Director will be an individual who is passionate about the power of music to transform lives, with the drive to help us build on the recent successes at the Cathedral to achieve our Diocesan ambition to evangelise through singing.

The Diocese



The Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford serves via its 111 parishes and 208 schools much of Greater Manchester north of the Mersey and Lancashire including Blackburn and Burnley.

The current Bishop of Salford is the Rt Rev John Arnold and Salford Cathedral on Chapel Street is the Mother Church of the Diocese.



Job Description



Details

Appointment Type: Part-time, 12-month fixed term contract.

Working hours: 15 hrs per week, flexible working will be required including evening and weekend work.

Location: Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist ('Salford Cathedral'), 250 Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE. Regular travel throughout the Diocese of Salford will be required (business mileage will be payable).

Salary, pension, and benefits: £24,626 per annum (full time equivalent), 25 days holiday plus UK bank holidays and 5 Diocesan closure days (all subject to pro-rata if part time), employers pension scheme.

What we are looking for

The Choral Director will play a key role in the delivery of the Schools Singing Programme within the Diocese of Salford, including working with our team of musicians to:

- Identify and develop relationships with schools and parishes throughout the Diocese who may benefit from the Singing Programme.
- Deliver outstanding singing sessions to school children in classroom and assembly settings within the school timetable and in line with the national curriculum.
- Ensure that pupils are well equipped to provide music for collective worship in liaison with school colleagues.

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- Establish after-school choirs in strategic locations throughout the Diocese as progression routes for those taking part in the Singing Programme within their school.
- Foster links between schools and parishes and seeking opportunities for after-school choirs to provide music in local parishes.
- Provide CPD to teachers on a local level to up-skill and build confidence in leading singing in the classroom outside of sessions led through the Singing Programme.

The Choral Director will also have an active role in the ongoing development of Salford Cathedral's Music Foundation, particularly in our choirs for children and young people.



Person Specification



	Essential	Desirable
Qualification	Education to degree level or equivalent in any subject.	
Experience, Knowledge & Skills	Experience of teaching class and choral singing to children.	Ability to play the piano.
	Deep knowledge and passion for music.	
	Experience of performing a wide range of repertoire in school and performance contexts.	
	Good communicator at all levels, both verbally and in writing.	
	Competent in the use of current IT such as email and Microsoft Office.	
	Excellent preparation and organisation skills.	

Essential

Desirable

Experience, Knowledge & Skills (cont.)

Well-versed in safeguarding issues and committed to best practice.

Friendly and approachable manner.

Understanding the importance of respect for others, equality, and respect for diversity.

The ability to work flexibly to respond to the needs of the key stakeholders.

Able to work effectively, both independently and collaboratively.

A willingness to work within the ethos of the Roman Catholic Church and support the witness of St. John's both as a Cathedral and as a parish church.

An inspiring educator with a passion for singing.

Personal Qualities & Characteristics

Essential

Desirable

Other Requirements

This post is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure by the Disclosure and Barring Service. Barring Service and barred list checks will be undertaken for working with children.

All employees of the Diocese are expected to work to promote the safeguarding of vulnerable groups.

Willing to pursue continuing training in all aspects of liturgy and music.

Current valid driving license with access to a vehicle and willingness to travel.

How to Apply



Closing date for applications:
3rd July at 12 noon

For further information or to apply, please visit our website:
www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies

If you have any queries about the role, please contact
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