



St Alphege Church Choirs

Lay Clerk Vacancies

St Alphege Church Choirs seek to appoint three Lay Clerks (Countertenor, Tenor and Bass) for the academic year 2014-15.

Music at St Alphege

There is a strong tradition of cathedral-style music at the heart of the worship at St Alphege. We have a choir of boys and men, a separate girls' choir, and a ladies' choir. Under the leadership of our present Director of Music all choirs have seen significant growth and expansion. The Music Department consists of a Director of Music, a part-time Organist, an Administrator and a singing teacher. One of our choirs will sing at the three very differing choral services each Sunday, largely in rotation. Attendance is over 500 across Sunday services. Our twice monthly recitals in church draw audiences of between 40 and 70 people. A recent innovation has been a midweek upper voice Choral Evensong, sung by either girls' or boys' voices, which has been well received. Throughout the year, a programme of cathedral visits and tours takes place.

Lay Clerks

The Lay Clerks would be expected to play a full part in the life of the choirs. They would be expected to lead their section at rehearsals and services, and in particular to mentor newer members of the section as they move from being Trebles to joining the 'back row'.

The skills and attributes sought include:

- Vocal ability
- Sight-singing and musical response
- Commitment to the musical community at St Alphege

Weekly Timetable

Friday evening rehearsal: 7.30 – 9pm

Sunday morning: usually 10.30am practice for 11am Eucharist, but occasionally 8.45am practice for 9.15am Eucharist

Sunday evening: 5.30pm practice for 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Extra services (eg festivals) would be notified as part of the termly schedule.

Fees

Remuneration is dependent on experience, in the region of £1,000 per annum. Lay clerks would also have the opportunity to enhance their remuneration through private teaching work, weddings, funerals and recitals.

Application

Please send a *Curriculum Vitae* with covering letter and details of two referees to dirofmusic@solihullparish.org.uk. When we receive your application we will arrange a convenient date for you to visit the Church for an audition and interview as soon as possible. Reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed. Prospective lay clerks are welcome to phone Joe Cooper on 07935 962677 for an informal discussion about the role.