

JOB DESCRIPTION ORGANIST/PIANIST– BURWELL & REACH

St Mary's Burwell is a large and thriving church with weekly sung services at 10.00am on Sundays and additional services at festivals. St Etheldreda's in Reach is much smaller and has a sung communion quarterly, together with very popular Songs of Praise services two or three times a year. There are also weddings and funerals at both churches.

We are looking for an experienced organist and music leader, who is a committed Christian, to contribute to worship in our two villages by playing the organ and piano and working with our choir and music group.

The successful candidate will be an excellent organist, who can also play the piano to accompany our small music group. We are looking for someone who enjoys both modern and traditional styles of church music and is willing to help us consolidate and develop our sung worship. He/she will have a thorough knowledge of a variety of styles in worship music, and be able to work with our choir leader to encourage and develop the small choir and music group. He/she will therefore be expected to attend weekly practices, currently on Friday evenings. At present the choir consists mainly of adults, but we hope that the small number of children may increase in the future.

The present organ at St Mary's is based on an 11 stop, 2 manual and pedal instrument, originally built in 1877, re-sited and rebuilt in 1967 and further refurbished in 2008. A brief account of the organ's history, together with the present stop registration details can be made available to applicants prior to interview. At Reach there is a much smaller single manual and pedal pipe organ.

The ability to work as part of a team and good communication skills are essential and, on occasions, you must also be able to cope with the unexpected and to work under pressure. All candidates must supply the names and addresses of two referees and will be required to undergo an enhanced check from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

For more information and an informal chat, or for an application pack please contact the Vicar, Revd Dr Eleanor Williams on 01638 741262 or vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk

Person Specification for Organist/Pianist		
Characteristic	Essential	Desirable
Committed Christian	✓	
Member of a local church		✓
Willing to become part of church community		✓
Excellent organist with relevant experience	✓	
Good pianist with relevant experience	✓	
Good singer with relevant experience		
Available for choir practices	✓	
Enjoys leading music making	✓	
Enjoys modern & traditional styles of church music and willing to develop both	✓	
Enthusiastic to work with and encourage the choir and other musicians	✓	
Good knowledge of variety of traditional & modern music	✓	
Administrative skills and good communicator (verbal, written, emails, etc)	✓	
Able to exercise appropriate discipline when required		✓
Good with all ages – children & adults		✓
Calm under pressure	✓	
Willing to work as part of a team	✓	
Willing to accept authority of vicar and church leadership	✓	
Flexible and willing to adapt	✓	
Enhanced DBS disclosure	✓	