



JOB DESCRIPTION ORGANIST AND PRAISE GROUP LEADER

Purpose

To work with the Minister to develop the musical ministry and the role of music in the life and worship of the congregation so that the Music will contribute to and foster their understanding of the Christian Faith and the Love of God.

Responsibilities

- Be responsible, in liaison with the Minister and the Worship Committee, for developing the use of music within worship. This will include encouraging and growing the Praise Group to support congregational worship using styles of music appropriate to the occasion subject to the approval of the Minister. The Organist will rehearse and direct the Praise Group.
- Play the organ and digital piano, as appropriate, during the Sunday Service and at such other services as required by the Minister and Kirk Session.
- In cooperation with the Minister, plan and implement the music for the worship services as well as special services and music events, e.g. the Christmas and Easter services, Children's worship, weddings and funerals.
- Play at weddings and funerals as requested and arrange deputies if unavailable.
- Attend Worship Committee meetings.
- Maintain and organise necessary music and materials required for the musical development of the Praise Group and congregation.
- Oversee the maintenance and tuning of the organ and pianos where appropriate.
- If there is a job sharing arrangement - maintain a rota and liaise with the Minister and Worship Committee to ensure continuity.
- Maintain a high level of musicianship. The Church will support your practice time and ensure availability of the organ subject to the occurrence of extra services and events within the Church.