

**Alveston Parish (St. James' & St. Peter's)
Stratford upon Avon**



Organist & Choirmaster

Could you be our next Organist and Choirmaster?

We are looking for a passionate musician to lead and enable Christian worship in a variety of styles, continuing our rich musical tradition and developing our musical life in a missional way. The successful candidate will work collaboratively with clergy and other colleagues to oversee all aspects of the musical life in the parish. They will play the organ (or, occasionally, the piano) at regular services and festivals and will lead the Senior Choir. We are looking for a team player who can lead others, build up existing relationships and develop new ideas. We are especially excited with plans to use our musical base to develop ways to encourage more families to join us and further develop the musical talent of our Junior Choir, which has its own leader. We are also seeking to build on our working relationship with our Church of England primary school. We are therefore looking for someone who can work with children and young people as well as adults of all ages, and can inspire others on their faith journey through music.

Alveston Parish is formed around the Parish Church of St. James', with our Mission church, St. Peter's, Manor Road. We are a welcoming community of people from a variety of traditions who want to love and serve The Lord inspired by the life of Jesus bringing God's hope and light to all. As a diverse community we seek to offer a breadth of worship styles, including Sung Eucharist, Morning Prayer (Common Worship), Celtic worship, Taizé and occasionally newer forms of worship.

We have a fine two manual Nicholson Organ at St James', recently rebuilt by Henry Groves of Nottingham, and a Kawai keyboard at St Peter's. Our choir at St. James' is a competent SATB group of around 20, with a wide repertoire of traditional and contemporary music. Our Junior Choir is run separately with its own leader, offering RSCM Voice for Life training medals, and leading the Worship at Family Service (1st Sunday of the month).

Salary will depend on skills, experience and responsibilities undertaken. There are some additional fees for weddings and funerals, and deputy support is available.

Written applications or expressions of interest to Rev'd Linda MacDermott, The Vicarage, Wellesbourne Road, Alveston, Stratford-upon-Avon. CV37 7QB.
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Please include a CV, or information about relevant experience.

For more information, or an informal chat about the role(s) and requirements, please call Ed Goldsmith (Advisor to the Vicar and PCC) on 07570 014555.