

CHRIST CHURCH

INTERNATIONAL ANGLICAN CHURCHES



Christ Church has an exciting opportunity for a **Music Director** for her congregation in Amsterdam City Centre, The Netherlands.

Who are we?

Christ Church City Centre is an international, English speaking, Anglican church where people from all over the world and all generations easily feel at home. City Centre is part of the wider Christ Church Amsterdam Chaplaincy. We have been a worshipping community in Amsterdam for over 300 years and strive to help each other to grow healthy relationships with God, one another and our neighbours as we live together in the city of Amsterdam.

Every Sunday we meet for morning worship, celebrating Holy Communion every other week. During the week many of us meet in small groups, hang out for a local beer and discussion, or work with one of our local mission partners or student groups to share God's love in the city. We seek to combine the strengths of the historic Anglican Church with the vibrancy of contemporary worship.

What will you be doing?

We are on a journey to sustain, improve and develop our sung worship and worship leaders. This is where the Music Director comes in! This is a challenging opportunity to develop a vision and plan for the sung worship of the congregation and to implement and embed this in the church.

Your key working relationships will be with our chaplain (minister), the worship team leader, the worship team and the service leaders.

The main responsibilities are:

- Leading the congregation in worship about 3 times a month, and supporting other worship leaders on most other Sundays (from time to time you may also be requested to serve in the wider chaplaincy).
- Developing the worship team and establishing best practice, you will help us respond adequately to our cultural, theological and style diversity.
- Establishing and shaping a rehearsal culture and growing our ability to skilfully and confidently lead the sung worship in our congregation.
- Regular meetings with the chaplain and/or the worship leader.

Who are you?

- You have a mature relationship with God and are willing and excited to help others to grow as a disciple of Jesus. Based on this, you have a strong internal drive to enable God's people, with their different backgrounds and worship traditions, to praise God in song.
- In addition, you have an openness to drawing together contemporary and traditional styles of worship, including sung liturgy.
- You can play an instrument well, preferably piano and/or guitar.
- You have leadership skills and the ability to build teams and establish best practice, including: shaping rehearsal culture, song selection and frequency, theological spread of themes, the sources, resources and training of what we do in worship.
- You are sympathetic to the Anglican tradition.
- You are able to communicate well in English.

What do we offer?

- A challenging position in which you will be mentored by our chaplain who himself is a highly trained musician.
- A chance to develop yourself further as a Music Director and to grow in your role as worship leader.
- The opportunity to serve God and make a difference.
- A placement of one year in Amsterdam City Centre – the work hours are not fixed but we would expect around 12 hours per week on average.
- € 500,- per month plus any wedding and/or funeral fees.

Interested?

If you are interested in this role, we would love to come into contact with you. Don't hesitate to contact our worship leader, Matthijs van Engelen (matthijsvanengelen@gmail.com / +31 6 26 79 79 74) or our chaplain, James Hill (James@christchurch.nl / +31 6 27 74 45 90), with your questions.

Applications can be sent to james@christchurch.nl and should include:

1) your CV

2) a recording (or link) of yourself performing a contemporary song, a traditional hymn and a Taizé song. Quality of recording is not important but should be listenable of course.

3) a covering letter detailing why you're applying and what you think you will bring to the position.

*Closing date for applications is **30 July 2017**.*



Christ Church is committed to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults. All post holders are subject to our safeguarding policy and will require a criminal record check (or equivalent depending on countries lived in).

The position is for one year, from the date of appointment, initially, and may be extended depending on Chaplaincy finances.

Christ Church cannot apply for a work permit for the candidate so please only apply if you are authorised to live and work in the Netherlands.