



## St Leonard's Church, Streatham

### Post: Organist

St Leonard's church has decided to move from a single post DOM and Organist to two separate posts from September 2019.

Organist duties would be primarily Sunday services with an opportunity for extra hours as rehearsal pianist (Thursday evenings).

There would be a commitment to playing at all major festivals and an opportunity to generate further income through weddings and funerals.

The Organist would be directly responsible to the Director of Music and the Rector.

#### THE PERSON SPECIFICATION:

- An ability to play the organ to a professional standard.
- A commitment to the musical liturgical tradition of St Leonard's.
- A reliable person with a proven track record as a team player.
- A good sense of humour.

#### THE ORGAN

The original organ was destroyed in the 1975 fire but replaced with an excellent, well-equipped, two-manual mechanical-action instrument by J.W. Walker & Sons, installed in the west end of the gallery in 1979. It is well-maintained and regularly tuned, and is a characterful instrument which provides both strong support for St Leonard's excellent congregational hymn-singing as well as the resources for accompanimental playing and as a solo instrument. (For full specification, see below)

The church also possesses a Broadwood cottage grand piano which is well-maintained and tuned. Both these instruments would be available to the Organist for teaching purposes, by arrangement with the Rector

Built by J W Walker and Sons, Brandon, Suffolk, 1979.

#### Specification:

Great:		Swell:		Pedal:	
Open Diapason	8	Chimney Flute	8	Bourdon	16
Stopped Diapason	8	Viola da Gamba	8	Principal	8
Principal	4	Voix Celeste	8	Bass Flute	8
Nazard	2 <sup>2/3</sup>	Venetian Flute	4	Nachthorn	4
Blockflute	2	Principal	2	Gemshorn	2

Tierce	1 3/5	Sharp Mixture	22.26.29	Bombarde	16
Mixture	19.22.26	Krummhorn	16		
Trompette	8	Trumpet	8		

*Swell to Great*

*Great to Pedal*

*Swell to Pedal*

*Great and Pedal pistons coupled*

#### Accessories

4 Pedal toe pistons

4 Swell toe pistons

4 general pistons

4 Swell thumb pistons

4 Great thumb pistons

(all pistons instantly adjustable by setter button)

Reversible Great to Pedal thumb and toe pistons

Reversible Swell to Pedal and Swell to Great thumb pistons

Mechanical Swell pedal

Due to extensive building work at St Leonard's the organ is currently protected in a plastic wrapping. This has not affected the ability for the instrument to be played and has ensured that dust damage is kept to a minimum. We are currently waiting on a further funding application to conduct work affecting the gallery and are therefore not planning to unwrap the organ at present. However, when the organ is unwrapped the organ will be cleaned and serviced as necessary.

## **THE REPERTOIRE**

In addition to the standards of the Anglican Choral Tradition, including full BCP evensong, we draw from a wide variety of musical resources in worship. The main hymn book is New English Hymnal which we supplement with Anglican Hymns Old and New in the Morning. We also use Taizé, Iona Community, worship songs from around the world and some contemporary hymns and choruses. We like the diversity of our congregation to be reflected in our music.

## **THE LITURGY**

St Leonard's has two sung Sunday services: Eucharist and Evensong. At 10.00am on Sunday mornings we have a sung Common Worship Order. On the first Sunday of the month 'Celebrating Together' is a more informal celebration of the Eucharist. Children's Church does not meet on the first Sunday of the month so there is a large number of children present. A communion anthem is sung at every morning service, and a psalm sung responsorially (and cantored by a member of the choir). We use *New English Hymnal* as our basic hymn book, supplemented by more modern hymns and occasional worship songs from *Anglican Hymns Old and New*. The average 10am service has around 120 adults and 20-40 children attending.

The evening service is varied. The first Sunday of the month is BCP Choral Evensong, with choir-only settings of the responses and canticles, a psalm sung to Anglican chant and an

anthem. The second Sunday is a candle-lit Taizé service with Taizé chants, attended by a mixed congregation who also play and sing (this is currently directed independently by a member of the congregation and therefore not necessarily requiring input from, or the presence of, the Director of Music), and on the remaining Sundays there is BCP evensong with hymns, chanted canticles and psalm, and an anthem. There are special services of music and readings for the evenings of Advent and Palm Sunday and these are devised jointly by the Director of Music and the Rector. There are usually around 20 people at BCP evensongs and 40 people at Taizé service.

There is full observation of Holy Week and Easter liturgies, and at Christmas a Midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve, a 10am Eucharist on Christmas Day and a service of Nine Lessons and Carols on the Sunday evening before.

The other sung mid-week services are on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Ascension Day and St Leonard's Day.

### **DUTIES:**

To play at all main services and festivals (10am Eucharist / 6.30pm Evensong). *The second Sunday is not required as Taizé is led by instrumentalists in a small ensemble.*

The adult choir meets at 9.30am for the 10.00am Sunday service and 5.30pm for the 6.30pm (5.00pm for Choral Evensong) one.

The main weekly choir practice is on Thursday from 8.00 to 9.30pm, with occasional additional choir rehearsals – if required – before large-scale services.

### **OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

There is an opportunity to use the Organ / Piano for teaching by arrangement with The Rector

### **CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT**

The Organist is under the leadership of the Director of Music and under contract to the Rector and PCC and is directly responsible to the Rector.

Stipend - £6,200 per annum plus fees.

Holiday – 4 weeks per year, to be agreed with the Rector (not including the Choir break in August). We would be open to some negotiation around this.

Notice – one month either side.

Fully enhanced DBS check required.

For informal conversation please contact the Rector: Revd Canon Anna Norman-Walker:

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