

MUSIC PASTOR



St. James' Church
Rowledge

*"A community where relationships
are transformed by the love of God"*

St. James' is a welcoming and lively Anglican church situated on the edge of Alice Holt Forest in the village of Rowledge on the Surrey/Hampshire border. The congregation consists of many who have faithfully worshipped here for many years and a number of younger families who have joined us more recently.

For many years the musical worship has been traditional in nature, supported by a robed choir, with occasional opportunities for less formal and more contemporary worship.

The current Vicar was appointed in 2016 and in the words of the profile for his appointment was tasked with: *"reviewing the current services to meet the needs of all our congregation, making sure we look after those who prefer a more traditional style, whilst introducing a greater variety of services, diversity of music and consideration of different service times for others."* One of the weaknesses that was highlighted before his appointment that needed to be addressed was that the *"regular worship offering [was] seen by many as lacking in variety and inspiration."*

Over the past three years we have reviewed our service pattern in consultation with the congregation and each Sunday we now offer a:

- 9:15am Service of Holy Communion which currently includes traditional, organ-led hymns, supported by a small choir on alternate weeks (2nd and 4th Sundays).
- 10:45am Service of Morning Worship which is informal in nature, includes more modern, band-led music and includes groups for our children and young people.

Occasionally we hold services of Choral Evensong which have been supported by other local singers who supplement our choir.

We have a number of keen musicians, but as our Organist moves on to a new post, there is now the need to reimagine the role of Music Pastor. We are seeking an inspirational leader who can:

1. Lead and develop contemporary music involving adults and young people
2. Play our church organ on alternate weeks (2nd and 4th Sundays each month)
3. Lead and reinvigorate an adult choir (including a fortnightly rehearsal)
4. If possible, play at weddings and funerals (for which an additional fee is payable)
5. Lead special musical pieces for church festivals such as Christmas, Easter and Pentecost.

The approximate time commitment each month is likely to be 20 hours.

If you would be interested in an informal conversation, in the first instance please contact:
Russ Gant – Vicar by email: vicar@stjamesrowledge.org.uk or calling: 07414 631359

Applications by way of a covering letter expressing interest, giving clarity over which of the three aspects appeal(s) most and why, and enclosing a copy of your current CV please.

Please note that this role is subject to the Genuine Occupational Requirement (GOR) of applicants being committed Christians in regular church worship.