

We are a vibrant Anglican church in the ancient village of West Horsley, seeking to follow Jesus Christ, shape our lives whole-heartedly around Him and be a blessing to our local community.



Dear candidate,

Thank you for expressing an interest in our Worship Leader post. The past year has been both challenging and rewarding as, like everyone else, we have had to navigate the impact of the Pandemic. Given we have been unable to sing congregationally, we have had to re-examine what it means to be worshippers of Jesus, much of which has been seen in our service of those around us, seeking to live out His call to 'love our neighbour as ourselves.'

That said, as we emerge from the Pandemic, God has been speaking to us in our monthly prayer meetings, calling us not to just return to how things were, but to go deeper in relationship with him. This has been rooted in these verses:

'Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.' Isaiah 43: 18 & 19

In my own quiet times, I have sensed time again God speaking to me about the importance of 'Prayer and Worship'. There is, therefore, a growing sense of anticipation of a move of God's Spirit and we see this role as key in playing a significant part in that.

As a church we are seeking to be a people who are Committed, Connected and Courageous:

- **Committed** to deepening our faith in God
- **Connected** through our Sunday and midweek gatherings
- **Courageous** in our mission and evangelism to the local community

My prayer is that, as you read through these details, you will become interested and excited about how you might be able to bring your talents and gifts here, offer them to God, and see Him use them to draw people closer to him, releasing creativity and shaping the future of our community.

You will find more about the role in the following pages and St Mary's more generally by exploring our website. You can also talk to us informally by contacting the Church Office or emailing me directly on philherrington@stmaryswesthorsley.co.uk

I look forward to hearing from you!

As ever,

Phil Herrington - Rector



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About St Mary's

We are a vibrant Anglican church in the village of West Horsley, Surrey, where people have been worshipping Jesus Christ for nearly a thousand years. Rooted in that history and standing on the shoulders of those who have been before us, we're trying to proclaim the never-changing good news of Jesus Christ, the gospel, to a new generation of people and believe that Christ's teaching remains fully relevant for all stages of life in today's busy world.

Central to everything we do are two things: the scriptures, which we try to teach engagingly and faithfully to all ages; and the Holy Spirit, God's gift to us, who enables us to know we are loved and helps us to live the life we are called to live. Flowing out of that we have a desire to make a difference in our community through both practical mission and active evangelism.

Sundays and Midweek

We are one church, which usually meets at two different times and places (9am at St Mary's Church and 10.45am at East Horsley Village Hall). However, in these challenging days and current season, we are having one service on a Sunday morning at 10am and then live-streaming this service on our YouTube Channel and website.



While numbers never tell a true picture, we currently have an Electoral Roll of 200, but more accurately on a Sunday morning we currently have between 50-60 people able to attend our service in person (due to current social distancing) and about 120 views of our service online. We have been holding a few outdoor services in our church grounds and recently had 230 people worshipping together on Easter Sunday.



We currently have children's groups for 0-10 years on a Sunday morning during the service and a Youth Group for 11-18's on a Sunday evening. We usually have a toddler group midweek which will be re-opening again soon and plans are underway for a new midweek After School Youth Café.

Homegroups are a vital part of Church Life and we currently have 11 groups with a total of 109 members, meeting at different times across the week, including daytime and evening. We also have a monthly prayer meeting that has recently been meeting on Zoom and run the Alpha Course twice a year.



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Worship Leader - Role Description

Purpose: To lead, facilitate and develop the corporate sung worship at St Mary's, encouraging a lifestyle of worship that leads to an openness to God's presence, through his Spirit.

Working hours:

20 in total, comprising Sunday, Monday + flexible days during the rest of the week.

Personal qualities:

- A mature disciple of Jesus first and foremost, who delights in spending time in God's presence
- A Worshipper who delights in helping people into a deeper experience of God, through sung worship
- Someone who is open to the renewing and healing work of the Holy Spirit in their own lives
- Someone who holds biblically orthodox church beliefs in matter of faith, personal conduct and scriptural authority
- Strong interpersonal skills and a pastoral heart
- A willingness to work within the authority structures of St Mary's and become a worshipping member of the church, if not already one.

What will you be expected to do?

- Lead the church in corporate sung worship, mainly on Sundays, but also at some midweek meetings, Alpha weekends, and major festivals.
- Primarily lead contemporary worship, but also able to play hymns and songs as appropriate at our more traditional Morning Service
- To discern God's spirit moving during a service, and react in ways that allows the gifts of the spirit to flourish
- To work closely with the Rector/Clergy in all aspects of worship
- Draw in, train and release new musicians
- Liaise with the PA/AV teams during rehearsals and service preparation
- Manage the rota of musicians playing week by week
- Spend time with younger members of the congregation, helping them learn to worship God in song.
- Contribute to other areas in the life of the church, as gifting and interest dictates.



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Skills and experience:

- Significant experience in a similar position, either as a paid member of staff, intern or volunteer
- A demonstrably high level of competence with either a guitar and/or keys, as well as a strong vocalist
- Experience of leading charismatic worship, sensing God's movement during a service, and creating space to allow Him to work and people to respond
- Excellent administrative and technical (IT) skills
- Someone able to inspire and draw in new people to join the band
- A self-starter who can manage their own time
- A team player, with a can-do, positive attitude
- Knowledge of PA and Projection Systems
- Knowledge of, or an eagerness to learn, live-streaming technology

Genuine Occupational Requirements

It is considered to be an Genuine Occupational Requirement that you are a committed Christian and can affirm the Evangelical Alliance's Statement of Faith, which can be found on their website.



'See, I am doing a new thing!'

Isaiah 43: 19

