



Job Description

Music Director – Ballyhenry Presbyterian Church
Permanent Post - Part-time Role of on average 8 hours per week.
Salary - £6,679 pa

About Ballyhenry Presbyterian Church

Ballyhenry Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Every Sunday we gather as a church family. We sing, we worship, we give, we pray, and we learn as the Bible is taught, explained, and applied to everyday life. At the end of our service we share together in a time of tea and coffee. We have one service each Sunday (at 11 am) with an average attendance of around 190 people. We do not have a regular evening service.

A simple mission statement has guided our life together over the years: *Ballyhenry: seeking to grow as a learning church, a caring church, a humble church and an outward looking church.*

We are located in the **Ballyhenry** area of Newtownabbey (near to the Sandyknowes Roundabout). We are a community based church and many of our members (old and new) live in the streets, estates and developments around our building.

Living things **grow** and change over time. In God's goodness this has been our experience of church life over the years; seeing individuals come to faith in Christ and seeing others grow as His disciples.

We believe that the Bible is trustworthy and true. As a **learning church** we seek to be a place where the Bible is taught with confidence and applied with gentleness and grace. We believe that the songs we sing together in church play an important part in both expressing and teaching the faith that we share.

We believe that the Lord calls us to be a **caring church**, and we want to grow in our commitment to this. Our style of church service reflects the fact that we function as a family; relationships within the fellowship really matter to us. Worship is not a contentious issue within Ballyhenry.

We seek, in our posture, to be a **humble church**. Our desire to sing together as a congregation is rooted in a conviction that '*Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise*' (Psalm 145 v. 3).

As an **outward looking church** we have an established commitment to outreach and mission within our local community and overseas. Our prayer is that when visitors attend our services they would experience a welcome and also a tangible sense of God being present, by His Holy Spirit, in our gatherings.

In their book *Sing!* Keith and Kristyn Getty write 'It is exhilarating to be part of a body of believers singing truth *together*.' We are not looking for someone who will 'perform' at the front – rather, with genuine enthusiasm, we are seeking someone who will facilitate and lead our singers and musicians, in turn enabling our whole church family to sing God's praises as we meet together in His Name and for His glory.



It is within this context that the Kirk Session wish to appoint a Music Director to continue the development of worship through music within the congregation.

About the Position:

Music Director is strategically a very important role in Ballyhenry.

We are seeking a passionate and talented Music Director to lead our church's music ministry. The ideal candidate will have a strong understanding of contemporary and traditional Christian music, a heart for worship, and the ability to inspire and lead our congregation in meaningful corporate worship.

This role presents an exciting opportunity to take responsibility for and continue the development of music and praise in Ballyhenry Presbyterian Church.

Reports to: The Minister

Responsible to: The Kirk Session

Responsibilities and main duties:

+ Music Leadership:

- Develop and maintain a high-quality music programme that reflects the values, ethos and mission of the church.
- Assist the minister in selecting praise for our worship services.
- Provide keyboard (or piano) accompaniment and directing the singers and musicians in leading congregational singing.
- Provide musical accompaniment for special occasions overseeing the preparation and delivery of special songs at events such as Christmas and Easter.
- Accompany, coach and support church organisations for special services or occasional events.
- Recruit, develop, nurture and lead, volunteer musicians, including vocalists and instrumentalists.
- Liaise with and work alongside members of the worship support team (sound and AV).

+ Music Ministry:

- Create a welcoming and inclusive environment for musicians of a variety of ages and skill levels.
- Foster a strong sense of community among the praise team.
- Ensure that the music ministry reflects biblical principles and encourages spiritual growth.



- **Administrative Duties:**
 - Create simple arrangements that will allow players with a range of abilities to play with confidence.
 - Schedule rehearsals as required.
 - Maintain accurate volunteer schedules, and other relevant information.
 - Maintain accurate records of music selections and use to update the CCLI website records.
- Any other duties as may be requested by the minister and Kirk Session.
- Providing music for weddings and funerals is not a requirement for this post.

Qualifications:

- Ability to lead congregational praise on keyboard (or piano)
- Strong musical skills, vocal and instrumental proficiency.
- Ability to transcribe music into different keys.
- Ability to arrange a piece of music for the instruments, musicians and vocalists available and appropriate to the abilities.
- Experience of being involved in the music ministry in a church setting.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively with leadership, volunteers and organisation members.
- Passion for Christian music and a commitment to humbly serving the church.
- Strong organizational and time-management skills.
- Proficiency in relevant music software (or willingness to learn the appropriate music notation software) and technology.

To Apply:

Please submit your CV and a cover letter to **serve@Ballyhenry.org**.

In your cover letter please explain your understanding of the role of music in the life of a church family and outline your suitability for this role.

Please provide contact details for two referees one of which should be a church leader.

We look forward to hearing from qualified candidates who share our passion for sharing the truths and good news of scripture through worship and music.