**Information about the Post of Organist at Christ Church (URC/Baptist), Ipswich**

Christ Church has a long standing musical tradition, enjoying the benefits of a superb three manual pipe organ and a choir. Music within the church is greatly valued and plays an important part in worship. The organ is one of the finest in the area and has been played for organ recitals by cathedral and other highly skilled organists. Full details about the organ are included in this information.

For information about the church, please refer to the **Profile** on the church website: [www.christchurch-ipswich.org.uk](http://www.christchurch-ipswich.org.uk), or request a copy if you are unable to access the web.

In September Revd. Neil Coulson was inducted to the pastorate of the church, so with a new Minister and Organist, the church will soon be entering a new chapter which promises opportunities for the organist to play a significant role in the further development of music at the church. The church is seeking to appoint an organist to play primarily for weekly morning services at 10.45am., but it is hoped that the appointee will also be willing to play for occasional evening services such as special festivals.

The appointee will be self-employed and will be paid an agreed annual fee for morning services. Any additional services (e.g. occasional evening services, weddings or funerals) will be remunerated for each individual occasion. There will be a holiday entitlement of six Sundays. It will be necessary for the appointee to undergo DBS clearance.

***Qualities we seek***

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| **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| To be a competent organist with enthusiasm for playing traditional hymns and modern worship songs at morning services. | To play for occasional evening services e.g. special festivals. |
| To be able to play a range of organ music suitable for before, during and after each service. | To be willing to work with other musicians to bring their talents into public worship and in other ways. |
| To work co-operatively with the Minister and other members of the church, notably those who are involved musically. | To be keen and interested in helping to develop the musical side of life at the church and to suggest new ideas to the Minister for his consideration. |
| To agree to play the hymns / songs chosen by the Minister each week.  | To be interested in the life of the church. |
| To be willing to play the piano instead of the organ, when required. |  |
| To have regard for the church’s musical tradition and also new developments in church music.  | To be interested in leading or supporting the training of a choir for occasional services.  |
| To be able to advise about the maintenance, care and upkeep of the organ and pianos.  |  |

Applicants are asked to complete an application form. This should be sent either by email to Jenny Jones – topplejones@yahoo.co.uk or by post addressed to Mrs Jenny Jones, Christ Church, Tacket Street, Ipswich, IP4 1AU no later than Monday 5th November.