

Music Director St. Paul's Church in Nantucket

Summary

St. Paul's Church in Nantucket seeks an inspiring Music Director to lead and expand the musical and choral offerings of the church to enrich our worship service and the musical life of our community.

A good candidate should be an excellent musician and teacher, as well as understand the uniqueness and advantages of living on an island.

Responsibilities

- Function as the Director of Music of St. Paul's Church in Nantucket. The position is part-time.
- Provide organ music and direct the choirs at all regular and special services conducted at the church where music is appropriate and schedule and attend all rehearsals where appropriate.
- Collaborate with the Rector in planning worship services to ensure the musical components contribute to the theological continuity of the worship service.
- Represent the church and participate when possible in the Nantucket music community.
- Maintain and develop the music library in an orderly fashion.
- Attend regularly-scheduled staff meetings and other appropriate committee meetings.

Qualifications

- Three or more years as a religious Choir/Music Director. Exceptional candidates without this qualification could be considered.
- Experience with the Episcopal service and liturgy is preferred.
- Demonstrated excellence as an organist.
- Demonstrated ability in directing and teaching choral singing.

Compensation and benefits

- Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience.
- In addition to the salary, additional compensation will be paid for each wedding and funeral service at which the Music Director provides the music.
- Benefits to be included in the compensation package are negotiable.

To apply

Please submit a cover letter and resume to:

Pamela Goddard, Corresponding Secretary
St. Paul's Music Director Search Committee
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Nantucket, MA 02554 Email: pjgoddard13@gmail.com

About St. Paul's

The mission of St. Paul's Church is to share the love of Jesus Christ with each other, our island, and the world. Our church is located in the historic town of Nantucket on an island 30 miles off the coast of Massachusetts. Our heritage of whaling, of natural beauty, and our offshore location have attracted those whose souls have an affinity for the sea, for nature, and for self-reliance. We come from diverse economic, cultural, and religious backgrounds and include year-round islanders, summer residents, and visitors from around the world, many of whom return year after year and consider St. Paul's their spiritual home.

During the summer months, services are held at 8 am (Rite 1) and 10 am (Rite 2) each Sunday. From mid-November to Easter, there is one Sunday service at 9:30 am. Other services with the choir include Evensong, Lessons and Carols, and Christmas Eve.

We have a vibrant music program with adult and youth choirs, and guest musicians. The adult choir consists of volunteers that can be supplemented by paid section leaders, as needed. The church also has a hand bell choir currently under separate leadership.

The church has a superb two-manual, 19 rank 1904 Hutchings-Votey organ, rebuilt and enlarged in 2014 by Andover. For organ specifications, history and pictures visit:

<http://www.andoverorgan.com/organs.rest.55d.php>

We also have a Steinway Model S grand piano for use in the sanctuary.

Please visit our web site to become familiar with our entire church community.

<http://stpaulschurchnantucket.org>

About Nantucket

Today Nantucket has a year-round population of more than 15,000. There is a flourishing arts and cultural scene including an active music community – frequent concerts, an annual organ crawl and a music school. There are public and private schools, a hospital affiliated with Massachusetts General Hospital, a wonderful public library and museums. Here, the traditional New England town meeting is alive and well. Nantucket is only 17 miles long and a few miles wide, but it is an island of contrasts. Seasonal shifts in the population and economy result in two distinct “rhythms” of living. Summer is a crowded, bustling paradise when the population swells to nearly 60,000. In winter we can be an outpost, separated from the mainland by occasional storms. Many beautiful summer compounds overlook the water, and almost half the island is preserved as open space, yet there is a constant need for more affordable housing, and some depend on the Food Pantry to make it through a lean winter. The island has been ethnically diverse since the days of the whalers. Today, a new international population is settling and raising families on the island. They live and work alongside multigenerational natives and growing numbers of retirees. Living on Nantucket requires one to be resourceful, resilient, and independent; you can't always get to the mainland when ferries and flights are cancelled because of bad weather. At the same time, our isolation ensures a strong sense of community and responsibility for one another. In times of need, the Nantucket tradition is to step up and help with a generosity of spirit that defines us and binds us together.