

The Parish of St Barnabas and St Thomas, Oxford

Ouseley Music in Liturgy Studentship

St Barnabas' Church Oxford wishes to offer an apprenticeship for students interested in all aspects of music within the liturgy of an Anglo-Catholic parish church with a significant musical tradition.

We are looking for someone to work closely with the church's professional musicians, adult choir and choristers. St Barnabas offers a rich exposure to traditional liturgy, plainsong, choral worship, and liturgical improvisation.

The Student should be able and willing to assist with our choristers who rehearse between 6.00 and 7.00pm on Friday evenings. The student will support the Director of Music either by accompanying or by leading sessions on singing technique or theory with individuals or small groups of children between 6 and 16, working within the RSCM's Voice For Life scheme.

During term time we would expect you to be present at the Sunday morning rehearsal at 9.15am and Parish Mass. During this time, you should sing with the choir and may occasionally direct or accompany individual items within the service as is mutually convenient and appropriate. Applicants who are organists would have the opportunity, depending on experience, to accompany full services, and to develop service-playing and improvisation skills in a friendly and supportive environment, although there is no requirement for the student to be an organist or keyboard player.

The Studentship is flexible depending upon the interests and enthusiasms of the candidate. The current value of the studentship is £1,000 per annum.

For further information on how to apply or for an informal discussion about the post please contact the Director of Music, Dr Tom Edwards, at music@sbarnabas.org.uk