

# Posting for Coordinator of Music Ministry

St. Aidan's Anglican Church in The Beach, Toronto, Canada

## Parish Overview

St. Aidan's is an Anglican church rooted in the Beach community in Toronto's east end. We are a vibrant, growing parish of people from all ages, stages and walks of life, including a large number of young families. Our vision is to be an inclusive and welcoming neighbourhood faith community guided by Christ. We are committed to lifelong spiritual growth, love of our neighbour and action to address social injustice and environmental issues.

St. Aidan's is currently completing a significant building project and by Christmas will resume services and activities in our newly renovated and fully accessible church. A robust music ministry is vital to our spiritual practice and our vision to grow and inspire the parish and Beach communities in the years to come.

Our longstanding, committed and fun-loving choir with soprano, alto, tenor and bass voices sings at Sunday service. A bluegrass/folk acoustic band also plays at some services, and helps with children's ministry and special events. The church has a Casavant pipe organ (3 manual 34 ranks, well maintained) and a grand piano in the sanctuary. The choir practice room has a Yamaha CP88 stage piano.

Visit our church website: [staidansinthebeach.com](http://staidansinthebeach.com)

## Position Summary

Working closely with and supported by the incumbent and music committee, the selected candidate will develop and shape a music vision for the church, build on its existing choir and musical talents, and expand the music ministry with different genres. Inclusion of children, youth and young adults in the music ministry is an important goal.

The music ministry coordinator shepherds the music ministry of the parish by planning and leading music for the Sunday services and special services throughout the church year that grows our congregation's faith and understanding of God, and by directing the choir. The coordinator works in collaboration with youth ministry leaders to help children connect with their faith through music. In addition to directing the parish choir, the coordinator also develops other music programs for adults to strengthen their spiritual growth. The coordinator participates in regular staff meetings.

We are looking for a creative, energetic and flexible individual who:

- Has experience in directing choirs with and without accompaniment
- Is familiar with Anglican musical tradition and liturgy
- Understands and respects the Christian faith
- Plays the organ and piano well
- Has a versatile musical background and experience
- Is familiar with technology and can lead music through virtual means
- Has excellent communication skills
- Enjoys working with children
- Possesses proven leadership gifts
- Embraces being part of a ministry team

The chosen applicant will:

- Have a vision to grow the music ministry
- Boldly lead excellence in music
- Have a desire to grow their own musical reach
- Plan and lead music that supports diverse musical interests in the congregation as they evolve over time
- Develop the musical skills of parish/congregation/choirs, including use of a variety of instruments and teaching the parish choir musicians
- Bring social awareness and a desire for learning and de-centering the privileged eye

This is an exciting opportunity for a flexible and creative individual with experience in choir and music leadership to help our energetic and growing parish build the vital music ministry of St. Aidan's.

### Terms

15 hours per week on average, including playing at two Sunday morning services  
Variable schedule, taking into account liturgical seasons, weddings, funerals, etc.  
Compensation commensurate with experience and guidelines of Royal College of Church Organists (see [rcco.ca](http://rcco.ca))  
Full job description available on request  
Preferred start date: February 20th 2022

Apply with resumé to:

The Incumbent, Church of St Aidan, 2423 Queen St. E, Toronto ON M4E 1H6

By email: [office@staidansinthebeach.com](mailto:office@staidansinthebeach.com)

All applications will be treated confidentially. References will be requested.  
Please indicate availability to start if selected.

Application deadline: January 1st 2022.

**Applicants must show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination.**