

Lenny's Singers, the junior choir, currently rehearses for 45 minutes after the Sunday morning Eucharist (c.11.15am to 12 noon) but we are looking to integrate the children's choir more with the adult choir.

Summary of duties

- To be responsible for music at Sunday services and major feast days.(10am Eucharist and 6.30pm Evensong).
- To be responsible for the recruitment and training of the adult and junior choirs, including leading rehearsals on Thursdays at 8pm and at the Sunday morning and evening practices.
- To prepare the music for both choirs.
- To agree music for the choirs and congregation with the Rector.
- To be responsible for music at appropriate mid-week services, approximately six times per year.
- To act as organist for all services, except any Sundays taken as holiday (to be agreed in advance with the Rector).
- To provide an organist for Sundays taken as holiday.
- To ensure the general maintenance of the organ.
- To provide an organist – and (adult) choir if needed – for funerals and weddings. As part of this, to discuss the choice of music with those involved
- To take part in discussion with the Rector and PCC on matters relating to music and liturgy in general.
- To organise concerts and internal musical events at the church.

Conditions of employment

The Director of Music is under contract to the Rector and PCC and is directly responsible to the Rector.

Stipend – £4000 per annum

Holiday – 4 weeks per year, to be agreed with the Rector.

Notice – one month either side.

Fully enhanced CRB check required.

For further information, please visit the church's website at www.stleonard-streatham.org.uk. For an informal discussion about the post, please contact choir member Pamela Hall at pamela.hall@blueyonder.co.uk or on 07966 521761.

Mixture	19.22.26	Krummhorn	16	
Trompette	8	Trumpet	8	<i>Swell to Pedal</i>
				<i>Great to Pedal</i>
<i>Swell to Great</i>				<i>Great and Pedal pistons coupled</i>

Accessories

4 Pedal toe pistons
 4 Swell toe pistons
 4 general pistons
 4 Swell thumb pistons
 4 Great thumb pistons
 Reversible Great to Pedal thumb and toe pistons
 Reversible Swell to Pedal thumb piston
 Mechanical Swell pedal

Piano

Broadwood Grand Piano

The liturgy

St Leonard's has two sung Sunday services: a 10am Eucharist and Evensong at 6.30pm.

Our main service is at 10am on Sunday mornings. We have a sung Common Worship Order One celebration of the Eucharist. On the first Sunday of the month 'Celebrating Together' is a more informal celebration of the Eucharist. Sunday School does not meet on the first Sunday so there are a large number of children present. An anthem is sung at every morning service and either a responsory psalm or psalm to Anglican Chant. The average 10am service has around 130 adults and 30-50 children attending.

Evensong is varied. The first Sunday of the month is BCP Choral, with choir-only settings of the responses and canticles, a psalm sung to Anglican chant and an anthem. The second Sunday is a Taizé service with Taizé chants, and on the remaining Sundays there is BCP evensong with canticles and psalm sung to Anglican chant, and an anthem. The format varies for Advent and Palm Sunday evenings, and the Sunday evening before Christmas (e.g. music and readings). There are usually around 30 people at BCP evensongs and 20 at the Taizé service.

There is a full observation of Easter and at Christmas a Midnight Eucharist and Nine Lessons and Carols.

There are, in addition, approximately six mid-week services for major festivals.

Last year there were six weddings and six funerals in church that required an organist. These occasionally require the involvement of all or some of the choir. The organists fee for weddings is £100 and for funerals is £75.00.

Rehearsals

The adult choir meets at 9.30am for the 10am service and 5.30pm for the 6.30pm (5.15pm for Choral Evensong). The main weekly choir practice is on Thursday from 8pm to 9.30pm.



DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, JOB DESCRIPTION

The parish

We are the ancient parish of Streatham, South London, and the mother church of the deanery. We hold a commanding position in the middle of the High Street St Leonard's church dates back to at least the Norman Conquest. The oldest part of the current building is the tower, which dates back to the fourteenth century. In 1975, the church was almost entirely gutted in a fire, and was sensitively restored to create a beautiful light internal space, a place of tranquillity. St Leonard's is regularly used for concerts, school events and local plays.

The organ too was destroyed in the fire and replaced with a very fine two-manual tracker-action instrument by J.W. Walker & Sons, installed in the west end of the gallery in 1979. The current Director of Music has ensured that the organ is regularly serviced.

The clergy

The Rector of St Leonard's is the Rev. Mandy Hodgson and there are two assistant priests and three readers.

The choirs

There are approximately ten adult choir members, with good sight-reading skills. Some of the group are professionally engaged in music or theatre, and nearly all sing in other choirs or choral groups, as well as at St Leonard's. They are enthusiastic, enjoy a challenge, have a good repertoire of accompanied and unaccompanied music, and are looking for a director who shares their enjoyment in providing music for St Leonard's.

There is also a junior choir, Lenny's Singers, for children aged 7 upwards. Currently numbering eight youngsters, they sing at the "Celebrating Together" service (every first Sunday of the month) with the adult choir, and also at various other services decided by the Director (e.g. at Christmas and Easter).

The organ

A Walker Organ dating from 1979.

Specification:

Great		Swell		Pedal	
Open Diapason	8	Chimney Flute	8	Bourdon	16
Stopped Diapason	8	Viola da Gamba	8	Principal	8
Principal	4	Voix Celeste	8	Bass Flute	8
Nazard	2 2/3	Venetian Flute	4	Nachthorn	4
Blockflute	2	Principal	2	Gemshorn	2
Tierce	1 3/5	Sharp Mixture	22.26.29	Bombarde	16