

Music Director in Ballynure Presbyterian Church
Permanent post - part-time on average six hours per week
Salary: £5678 pa paid by bank transfer on a monthly basis



Ballynure Presbyterian Church

Ballynure Presbyterian Church is a congregation in the Carrickfergus Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. For over 300 years we have welcomed, worshiped and witnessed in the centre of the award winning village of Ballynure. Our simple mission statement is to 'have a heart for Jesus in the heart of the community.'

We gather every Sunday as a church family to sing, worship, pray and learn together as the Bible is taught, explained and applied to everyday life. The service on Sunday morning in the church at 11am is live streamed and attended by around 150 members of all ages. We have one regular evening service from September to June in the adjoining halls. Other evening/afternoon services may be held on Sunday or during the week at Easter and Christmas. All-age services are a monthly feature and we celebrate communion every two months.

Sunday morning praise is led by a team of musicians and singers. We have a piano, a keyboard, a pipe organ, some guitars, flutes and a set of drums. Hymns, Psalms and Praise Songs are both modern and traditional.

It is within this context that the Kirk Session wishes to appoint a Music Director to continue the development of Christian worship through music within the congregation. We recognise that the Music Director plays a very important, strategic role in Ballynure Presbyterian.

We are seeking a talented and passionate Music Director to lead our church's music ministry from the beginning of May 2025. The ideal candidate will have a strong Christian faith, an understanding of contemporary and traditional Christian music, a heart for worship and the ability to inspire, empower and lead the congregation in meaningful corporate praise and worship.

Responsibilities and Main Duties

1. Music Leadership

- Develop, and maintain, a high quality music programme that reflects the values, ethos and mission of the Presbyterian Church in Ballynure;
- Provide keyboard, piano and, if possible, organ accompaniment as well as directing the vocalists and musicians while leading congregational singing on a weekly basis;
- Provide musical accompaniment and singing for special occasions, overseeing the preparation and delivery of music at Christmas, Easter, Harvest festivals and services for organisations;
- Recruit, develop, nurture, encourage and lead volunteer vocalists and instrumentalists. including young people;
- Schedule rehearsals for vocalists and instrumentalists;
- Ensure that the vocalists and instrumentalists are suitably and adequately prepared, trained and led when they are taking part in services;
- Assist the minister in selecting praise for all worship services;
- Liaise with members of the worship support team (AV and sound);
- Arrange cover for holiday and other absences.

Note: playing for weddings and funerals is optional and is by arrangement with the minister. It is not a binding requirement of the post.

2. Music Ministry

- Ensure that the music ministry reflect Biblical principles and encourages spiritual growth;
- Be aware of the widely-accepted liturgical calendar of the Presbyterian Church;
- Ensure that there is a welcoming and inclusive environment for musicians of all ages and skill levels;
- Work in accordance with current PCI Taking Care guidance and policies when involving children, young people or vulnerable adults (Note: An Enhanced Access NI Check will be required prior to appointment).

3. Administrative Duties

- To be responsible for the music library and comply with copyright laws;
- To arrange for the church pianos and organ to be tuned on a regular basis;
- To ensure that words are prepared and ready on Easy Worship for each service;
- To work with the Church Administrator to keep the CCLI records up to date.

4. Essential Requirements

- Have a credible profession of Christian faith along with a passion for Christian music and a commitment to serve the church of Jesus Christ;
- Be in sympathy with the beliefs and practices of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland;
- Have experience of being involved in the music ministry in both choral and instrumental aspects of a church worship setting;
- Possess the ability to lead congregational praise on the keyboard, piano and, if possible, on the pipe organ;
- Have a high level of musical skills;
- Have the ability to work collaboratively with the current leadership, volunteers and leaders of organisations;
- Have the ability to arrange a piece of music for instruments, musicians and vocalists appropriate to their abilities;
- Have good communication and interpersonal skills;
- Have good organisational and time-management skills.

Note: Joint applications will not be considered.

5. Applications

To apply, please submit your CV and the cover letter to the **Minister**

Rev Matthew Kelso
1 Main Street
Ballynure
BT39 9TU

or email both to mkelso@presbyterianireland.org

In your cover letter please explain your understanding of the role of music in the life of a church family and outline your suitability for this role.

Please provide the contact details for **two** referees, one of which should be a church leader.

The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 24th June 2025.**

We look forward to hearing from qualified candidates who share our passion for sharing the truths and good news of scripture through worship, song and music.