

Music Director – Ballynure Presbyterian Church

Reports to: Minister and Kirk Session

Hours: Part-time (flexible)

We are a warm and welcoming congregation seeking a **Music Director** to help shape and strengthen the musical life of our church. Music is central to our worship, and we are looking for someone with a heart for worship, strong musical ability, and a collaborative leadership style. This role would suit an individual who can lead confidently, encourage volunteers, and work closely with the Minister to plan meaningful, accessible worship. Keyboard skills are desirable, as this instrument is used in most of our services.

Key Responsibilities

- Plan music for services in consultation with the Minister
- Select hymns and worship songs suited to the theme and congregation
- Prepare music and rehearsal materials in advance, as required.
- Lead rehearsals and coordinate musicians and singers
- Provide musical direction during services
- Support and develop volunteers of varying experience
- Introduce new songs sensitively and build confidence in congregational singing
- Help identify and nurture new musical talent
- Explore opportunities for choir development, youth involvement, and special seasonal services

Our Current Music Team

Our current team serves on a rota basis and includes **keyboard players, singers, acoustic guitarists, drums, a bassist**, younger developing singers, and volunteers supporting sound, projection, and service coordination. We also have occasional instrumentalists who contribute at services such as **Harvest, Christmas, and Easter**. There is interest in developing a more regular **choir ministry**, building on a successful Christmas choir. At present, we rely on external keyboard players to fill rota gaps, but our aim is to strengthen in-house capability over time.

Skills and Qualities

We are looking for someone who is a committed Christian with a heart for worship, able to lead musical worship confidently and sensitively, organised, dependable, and a good communicator, and collaborative in working with the Minister and volunteers.

Candidates will be sympathetic with the beliefs of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and will work in accordance with PCI safeguarding policies. Desirable qualities include keyboard proficiency, experience arranging music, familiarity with SongSelect, team leadership, and choir direction. An Enhanced Access NI check will be required prior to appointment.

What We Offer

We offer a supportive congregation, a committed volunteer base, flexibility to shape the role, and encouragement from the Minister and Kirk Session.

How to Apply

Contact our minister Matthew mkelso@presbyterianireland.org for more details on the role and the application process.