**Job Description – Musical Director of Cantiones Choir**

Cantiones Choir, established in 1982 in Oswestry, Shropshire, is an enthusiastic and committed mixed choir of around 40 voices. The choir rehearses on Tuesday evening from 7.30 – 9.30pm in Holy Trinity Church Oswestry and has a regular accompanist. The current MD auditions all choir applicants and we perform to a high standard with good sight-reading skills expected. There are current vacancies for tenors.

Our present MD Martin Bussey is retiring in December 2024 after five years at the helm, during which time he has challenged the choir and expanded the range of standard choral repertoire to include more contemporary works, both sacred and secular, such as music by Chilcott, Judith Weir and Rebecca Dale. The choir has also performed large-scale works such as Dvorak Stabat Mater and Haydn The Creation with guest soloists and orchestra. The choir performs four times a year as well as holding an annual ‘Come and Sing’ event and a developmental ‘Awayday’.

We are looking for someone who:

* Is a charismatic trained musician with a passion for choral singing who can lead and inspire us to perform a wide range of repertoire with joy and confidence.
* Can further develop our vocal technique and ensemble
* Has the ability to motivate through energy and humour
* Is enthusiastic and able to challenge the choir with new ideas
* Has good organisational skills, including planning for concerts and compiling rehearsal schedules
* Is willing to collaborate with the committee
* Is a good communicator, both musically and verbally

Further information about the choir and examples of past concerts are available on our website: [www.cantiones.org.uk](http://www.cantiones.org.uk)

Facebook: Cantiones Choir X: @CantionesChoir

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview and to lead a short rehearsal session with the choir in the Summer Term 2024.

The successful candidate will take up their role from January 2025.

**REMUNERATION**

In the region of £600 per term and concert fees of £300, dependent on experience. Fees are negotiable and are reviewed annually in September.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Applications should be in the form of **a current CV** **and a supporting letter**, explaining why you feel you are the right person to take on the role of Cantiones MD.

Send your application by email to:

Mrs Pam Parish (Secretary) pamparish017@gmail.com

or by post to 53 High Fawr Avenue, Oswestry SY11 1TB

**Closing date: Tuesday April 30th 2024**