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**Choir Director,
St Alban's Anglican Church, Epping, NSW**

St Alban's is seeking applicants for the position of Choir Director with the intention of the appointment commencing in early February 2018. The Choir Director at St Alban's is an important ministry position in the life of our church, playing a major, and greatly appreciated, role in our worship.

We are seeking an experienced Choir Director with a passion for leading and inspiring God's people in worship through the richness of traditional Anglican choral music and liturgy. The Choir Director is responsible for selecting, preparing and directing the choral music for our worship services. We are seeking an applicant who will bring an ability to train, encourage, and foster positive personal relationships within our choir, and have a willingness to participate in the life of our wider church community. He or she will also bring organisational skills to co-ordinate the choir's contribution to worship, in partnership with our organist (currently Dr Neil Cameron), our clergy and Liturgy Committee.

Worship at St Alban's is in traditional Anglican style. We follow the second order in the 1995 *A Prayer Book for Australia* (APBA), with a celebration of the Eucharist at our Sunday morning services. We follow the lectionary and liturgical calendar throughout the year. In our worship services, the clergy, servers, assistants and choir are robed. Music plays a central role in our worship, with our organist, playing our 1981 Létourneau pipe organ, and choir contributing to the liturgy. Congregational hymns, accompanied with our organ and lead by the choir, are primarily selected from the *New English Hymnal*, and also from *Together in Song*.

The choir at St Alban's is an SATB, non-auditioned amateur choir, with typically around fifteen members, who are capable of reading music. Most members of the choir are highly experienced choristers with a wide knowledge and deep appreciation of the Anglican choral repertoire. The choir is one of the most active, committed and close-knit groups within our church community.

The position requires a commitment, on average, of eight hours per week and comes with an annual stipend of \$6,180 (currently under review) which includes superannuation at 9.25%.

We encourage you to consider applying for this position or passing on this letter and position description to anyone you think may be a suitable applicant.

Applications for the position will close on Friday 13 January 2018.

Yours sincerely



Bishop Ross Nicholson
Rector of the Parish of St Alban's and St Aidan's, Epping NSW.

Position Description
Choir Director
St Alban's Anglican Church, Epping NSW

Responsibilities:

The Choir Director, in partnership with the organist and in co-ordination with the Parish clergy, is required to select, prepare and direct the choir's contribution to liturgy and worship.

Regular commitments:

- **Rehearsals**

Weekly rehearsals (one and a half to two hours) on Wednesday evenings.

Rehearsals prior to services (half hour).

- **Regular services**

Choral Eucharist at 10 am on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month.

Service follows the second order in the 1995 *A Prayer Book for Australia* (APBA) with the choir contributing (in English):

Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus & Benedictus, Acclamations and Agnus Dei.

Currently, the setting is *The Riddlesdown Service* by the English church musician Joy Williams.

The choir chants the psalm, sings a gospel acclamation, chants the *Sursum Corda* responding to the presiding clergy, chants the Lord's Prayer, and sings one and sometimes two anthems while the congregation takes communion.

During the service the choir leads the congregation in singing four hymns.

Choral Evensong on the last Sunday of the month.

The choir sings an introit anthem, the responses, a psalm, a *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis*, an anthem, and leads the congregation in singing two hymns.

The choir is in recess from Christmas until the first week in February.

To ensure smooth planning of our worship, The Choir Director will be a member of the Liturgy Committee.

The Choir Director will provide for the organist, choir, clergy and Liturgy Committee, a Music List of the choral music for upcoming services each month.

Currently, the choir participates in these additional services during the church year:

- * Advent and Christmas

Advent Carols, Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve Midnight Eucharist and Christmas Day Services

- * Lent and Easter

Ash Wednesday, Ecumenical Lenten Service, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Pentecost

- * Patronal Festivals

St Alban's (late June) and St Aidan's (late August)

- * End of the church year

All Saints', All Souls' and Festival of Christ the King

- **Weddings, funerals and other occasions**

The Choir Director may also be requested to prepare and direct the choir for weddings and funeral services at the church. The choir may also be requested to contribute music at other occasional parish functions such as Parish fundraising dinners.

- **Children's choir *Alban's Angels***

If sufficient young people are available, the Choir Director will also rehearse and direct the children's choir, contributing an anthem suitable for children at the 10 am service on either the second or fourth Sunday of the month.

- **Choir weekend away**

The Choir Director will organise a residential weekend in late October, primarily to prepare music for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season, and also for more intensive choral training and as an opportunity for socialising and fellowship.

Expectations:

- * A passion for leading and inspiring God's people in worship through the richness and beauty of traditional Anglican choral music and liturgy.
- * A mature and deepening Christian faith.
- * An ability to train, encourage and foster positive personal relationships within the choir and the church community.
- * Work in close partnership with the organist (currently Dr Neil Cameron), the Rector (Bishop Ross Nicholson), associate parish clergy and the Liturgy Committee.
- * A willingness to participate in the life of the wider church community.
- * Co-ordinate the choir's contribution to the liturgy with the clergy and Liturgy Committee.
- * Develop the choir through training, recruitment, introducing new repertoire consistent with the Anglican choral tradition, and building the choir's music library.
- * Devote, on average, eight hours per week to choir rehearsals, choral services, selecting music, meetings with the clergy and organist, and other activities associated with the choir.

The Choir Director at St Alban's is appointed by and responsible to the Rector.

The position comes with an annual stipend of: \$6,180 (currently under review) plus superannuation at 9.25%.