



St Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield

Bass Position

St Bartholomew the Great, London invites applications for the position of regular Bass in the professional choir of 8 singers. This position is for a 2nd bass rather than baritone. Experience of performing plainchant from the Graduale Romanum is essential alongside exceptional sight-reading skills and sympathy for Anglo-Catholic liturgy. Regular Sunday services are 11am Eucharist and 6.30pm Evensong. Generally rehearsals begin 1 hour before the service. Normal Sunday services are currently paid at £57 per service and specials and midweek extra services pay up to £100. During the Autumn there are a lot of midweek livery services and in the build-up to Christmas there are carol services almost every day.

The arrangement between church and regular singer is not subject to written contract. All services are offered first of all to our regular eight singers. When not available, regular singers will appoint a deputy from a list of approved singers. There is currently no minimum obligation of commitment but regular singers will be asked to relinquish their position if their absence becomes prolonged or too frequent.

Repertoire is broad with rarely any repetitions during a calendar year. Music is often sung with one voice-per-part. It is rare that there is a Sunday during the year without choir. During July services are reduced to quartet and in August, a quartet for Evensong and Cantor alone for mass (which attracts a higher fee).

Anybody interested should send a CV to Rupert.gough@greatstbarts.com

Date for auditions: Sunday 7th January 2018