



THE DIOCESE of EAST ANGLIA

The Cathedral of St John the Baptist

The Cathedral of St John the Baptist seeks to appoint an organist from January 2026 (or earlier by agreement).

The Diocese of East Anglia

Formed in 1976, the Diocese of East Anglia was carved from the Diocese of Northampton by the decree *Quod Ecumenicum* of Pope Paul VI. The Diocese covers an area of nearly 5000 square miles, encompassing the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and the City of Peterborough. East Anglia is also the home to the National Shrine of Our Lady, at the Basilica of The Blessed Virgin Mary in Walsingham.

The Diocese is made up of seven deaneries, 54 parishes and 28 schools. The Diocesan Schools Singing programme supports music in several of these schools in Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and Suffolk.

Norwich

Norwich (pop. 150,000) is the county town of Norfolk. With a medieval cathedral, two universities and several theatres, it is a vibrant and diverse city with a thriving music scene. It has appeared in several lists of the most desirable cities to live in in the UK and was voted in a 2016 poll as 'the happiest city to work in the UK'.

Norfolk is renowned for its high concentration of medieval churches as well as areas of outstanding beauty, such as the North Norfolk coast and the Broads National Park.

Norwich has an international airport and is well-connected by road and rail with cities such as London and Cambridge.

St John's Cathedral

St John's Cathedral was constructed between 1882 and 1910 and is one of the largest Catholic cathedrals in Britain. Originally functioning as a parish church, the building was elevated to cathedral status in 1976, becoming the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of East Anglia.

Saint John's was designed originally by George Gilbert Scott Junior and continued after his early death in 1897 by his brother, John Oldrid Scott. The cathedral was paid for by the fifteenth Duke of Norfolk.

The Cathedral Choir provides an excellent standard of choral singing for the 11am Solemn Mass on most Sundays and Feast Days as well as singing weekly Vespers and Mass on Tuesdays during term time. The Choir is made up of the Schola Cantorum of professional lay clerks and choral scholars and the Cathedral Choristers.

How to apply

To apply, please send a CV and details of two referees to the Director of Music, David Grealy, at david.grealy@rcdea.org.uk by Monday, 27 October. Auditions/interviews will be held in the week beginning, Monday 10 November. Potential applicants wishing to discuss the role informally are welcome to contact the Director of Music before applying.

The Role

Reporting to: The Director of Music

Core duties:

- Playing the organ at 11am Mass (with 10am rehearsal beforehand) on Sundays.
- Playing for up to ten of the following holy days (usually evening Masses, unless otherwise specified):

6 January	Epiphany
February/March	Ash Wednesday
March/April	Chrism Mass (Usually Tuesday morning of Holy Week)
	Maundy Thursday
	Good Friday (3pm service)
	Holy Saturday
May/June	Ascension Thursday
24 June	St John the Baptist (Patronal feast of the Cathedral)
26 June	Dedication of the Cathedral
29 June	St Peter and Paul
15 August	Assumption
1 November	All Saints' Day
2 November	All Souls' Day
December	Cathedral Carol Service (usually in the afternoon on the third or fourth Sunday of Advent)
24 December	Midnight Mass
25 December	Christmas morning Mass

Additional services, for which fees are payable:

- Sunday 16:30 Vespers and 17:30 Mass cover (approx. once a month during term time)
- Sunday 9am Mass (infrequently)
- Diocesan occasions (usually 11:30 on Saturdays)
- Weddings and Funerals

Salary:

- £4,800-£6,000 p.a. (depending on experience) with additional fees expected around £3,500
- There is the possibility of an expanded role (up to 0.5 FTE) if the successful candidate is willing to lead singing sessions in schools.

Holidays:

- Up to six Sundays a year by agreement with the Director of Music.
- Playing during choir holidays is shared between the Director of Music and the Cathedral Organist by agreement.

This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

While it is not essential for the successful candidate to be Roman Catholic, it is expected that candidates will show an appreciation for Catholic liturgy and sympathy with the Christian mission of the Church.

