

Marlow Gospel Choir Accompanist

Marlow Gospel Choir is seeking a new accompanist from April 2021, when our current pianist will step back to focus on his young family.

Please apply with a CV and short covering letter (1 page) to marlowgospelchoir@gmail.com.
Please also include any video links from recent performances or rehearsals.

Who we are

- We are a community gospel choir based in Marlow, Buckinghamshire, open to anyone who wants to sing. We do not hold auditions, and we regularly hold open workshops or rehearsals to encourage new people to join the choir.
- We sing a mixture of traditional gospel and spiritual songs, contemporary worship songs, and pop songs related to our key values of joy, hope and celebration. We welcome people of any faith or no faith.
- We rehearse on Wednesday evenings, with breaks for school holidays. Pre-Covid, we rehearsed 7:45-9:30pm in All Saints Church, Marlow. Since March 2020, our rehearsals have been from 7:45-8:45pm either on Zoom, or in Liston Hall in Marlow. The rate of pay for musicians remains the same, however the rehearsal takes place.
- We perform regular concerts including Gospel Carols each Christmas, which was shortlisted for a Marlow FM Hidden Gems Award. Our 2020 Digital Summer Concert can be viewed [here](#). We live-streamed Gospel Carols in December 2020 and you can watch [here](#).
- Our Musical Director is Caroline Slade, and we have a committee team of 5 people who meet every term to discuss the direction of the choir.
- More info: www.marlowgospelchoir.com or www.facebook.com/marlowgospelchoir

What we're looking for

- A dedicated, talented accompanist who enjoys gospel and pop music.
- Someone with experience of accompanying amateur choirs and working with a conductor.
- We work with notated music, chord sheets, and by ear. An ability to improvise would be helpful - even better if you enjoy 'freestyling' in this way!
- Currently, we are rehearsing online with rehearsals led by both the Musical Director and Accompanist (from separate houses). It would be helpful if you have a good internet connection, and equipment to live stream or record a piano part.
- Skills in audio mixing and / or video editing would be useful in preparing digital content.

What we can offer

- Our current rate of pay is £63 per rehearsal. Performances are paid at £50 per hour. We also pay for portage and mileage, for performance events outside of Marlow. Travel expenses for rehearsals are generally not offered.
- We're a fun, growing choir with a good reputation across the local area. We offer plenty of performance opportunities including local festivals, choral competitions, charity and community events and paid performances. We also work with a variety of guest conductors and have links with a gospel choir in Paris, and have been planning a tour to France (currently on hold).