

North East – Brierley | Hemsworth | Monk Bretton | Ryhill | Staincross

South – Hoyland & Birdwell | Darfield Wesley | Great Houghton | Pilley | Wombwell

North West - Buckley | Dodworth | Emmanuel | Higham | Kexborough

Volunteering Outline - Role Description

Volunteer Role Title: **Pianist / Organist**

Location: Barnsley Methodist Circuit

Responsible to & supported by: Ministers, Lay Workers, & Church & Chapel representatives

What is the Pianist / Organist?

The role of the chapel Pianist / Organist is to provide music that enhances the worship experience and complements the liturgy of the service. This can include playing hymns, anthems, service music, and accompanying congregational singing.

They may also be involved in the maintenance and upkeep of the organ.

Skills Required

- Plays in the services on a Sunday or ad hoc events eg: Christmas Carol Concert
- Musical skills on the piano and / or organ
- Experience playing in a church (or in public)
- Able to pay attention to service cues

Time / Commitment Required

- Practice time during the week before the service
- Ad Hoc services eg Christmas Carol Service, Contemporary Worship

The role of a Pianist / Organist

- Contact the Worship Steward or Minister before the week before the service (if they haven't contacted you)
- Practice the hymns / songs
- Arrive about 30 minutes before the service to prepare

What requirements are needed to fulfil the role of a Pianist / Organist?

- Recommended but not compulsory - completion of the Foundation module: Creating Safer Space: Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Course which takes approx. 2-3 hours (every 4 years) & passing on any observed or communicated concerns or worries relating to any person attending the chapel to the Worship Steward, Safeguarding officer and / or minister.
- Recommended but not compulsory - a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) (every 5 years) – volunteers will be asked to provide all relevant documents for these checks. There is no cost to the volunteer for this check.
- Recommended but not compulsory - completion of the EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) Training Course.

- Recommended but not compulsory - completion of the Unconscious Bias training.
- Recommended but not compulsory - First Aid certificate (every 3 years).

This role outline was approved by Barnsley Circuit Meeting on 17th September 2026 and will be reviewed annually.

Please refer to the Circuit website for contact details of all chapel Leadership Teams, Church Council members, Circuit Meeting representatives & Circuit Leadership Team members.