

## HUNGARS CURE PARISH (Episcopal)

16304 Courthouse Road

Eastville, VA 23347

### Parish & Position Overview

Hungars Cure Parish is seeking applicants for the position of *Director of Music & Organist*. This position serves Hungars Episcopal Church, Machipongo and Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville. Hungars Cure Parish is an historical and current association between Hungars Church and Christ Church, and all staff are employed by the Cure to equally serve the parishes.

Hungars Church, established in 1623, is one of the oldest parishes in the nation. The present Hungars Church dates from 1742 with clear windows and is both aesthetically and aurally brilliant. In 2014, Hungars Church installed a new Holtkamp pipe organ, the most significant instrument on the Eastern Shore. Christ Church, built in 1828, is an early Victorian jewel box with Mayers stained glass windows, box pews, and an E.F. Walcker pipe organ imported from Germany in 1950. Christ Church, located in the county seat of Northampton County, is the location of the Cure Parish offices. You can learn more about our four centuries of history, our instruments, and the life of our community at [www.hungarscureparish.org](http://www.hungarscureparish.org)

Music in Hungars Cure Parish is a unifying ministry between our congregations, and one of our most significant forms of outreach to the wider Eastern Shore community. The Hungars Cure Choir is made up of volunteer members from both Hungars Church and Christ Church, as well as other residents of the Shore from varied walks of life and faith backgrounds, and professional section leaders. The Hungars Cure Choir sings Sunday morning services in a rotating schedule between our two churches, as well as other offerings such as Choral Evensong, Choral Matins, and Lessons & Carols. Our liturgy and music are Episcopal, drawing primarily from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* and *The Hymnal 1982*. Our choral repertoire is rooted in the Anglican choral tradition and includes music from 12th century Gregorian chant to music of living composers and everything in between.

Hungars Church is home to a very successful concert series, hosting programs including organ and piano recitals, choral concerts featuring visiting choirs, early music ensembles, and orchestra concerts (many by the Orchestra of the Eastern Shore, which is in residence at Hungars Church). Our concerts are free and open to all.

The Sunday liturgical schedule includes weekly services of Holy Eucharist at 9:30 AM (Hungars Church) and 11:15 AM (Christ Church). On fifth Sundays, both congregations worship together at 10:00 AM, alternating between the churches. The *Director of Music & Organist* is responsible for planning, playing, and directing music for all liturgical functions of Hungars Cure Parish (both churches), including Holy Days and special feasts, weddings and funerals (for an additional stipend), and additional liturgies as needed, under the supervision of the Rector.

## Requirements and Qualifications

- Bachelors or masters degree in music, organ performance, or a related field is preferred, with relevant experience in a liturgical music setting.
- A minimum of 5-10 years of experience in a similar role.
- Knowledge of and comfort with traditional liturgical music literature, particularly that of the Anglican choral tradition.
- Applicants need not be Episcopal but must feel comfortable supporting the faith of all choir members and parishioners.
- Applicant must be a proficient organist able to play a wide breadth of repertoire and improvisation.
- The ability to both accompany and conduct the choir from the organ.
- Strong organizational, managerial, and interpersonal skills.
- Demonstrated ability to collaborate with clergy, staff, parish committees, and volunteers.
- Working knowledge of various publication and graphic design software, including Microsoft programs and music engraving/notation software.
- Light physical effort required. Regularly required to sit for extended periods, stand, walk, reach, bend lift, conduct, and use the computer.
- Ability to move between various locations in the church (sanctuary, choir loft, etc.) and lift musical equipment (music stands, sheet music).

## Compensation

This is a part-time (20-30 hours per week, open to discussion), salaried position, which includes four weeks paid vacation (Sunday absences to be approved in advance by the Rector).

Health benefits are not offered with this part-time position. Remuneration is dependent on agreed hours/expectations, and is commensurate with experience/education, within a range of \$37,000-\$50,000.

## Application Procedure

To apply, please submit a cover letter, CV/resume, three professional references, and links/files to videos that demonstrate your organ/piano/conducting skills (if possible) by April 27 to:

The Rev'd Stephen J. Batten, *Rector*  
[rector@hungarscureparish.org](mailto:rector@hungarscureparish.org)

**Start Date:** On or before July 1.