



ASPIRANS

Training musicians
for church
and community

A regional initiative in Shropshire
Herefordshire and Powys

The Sam Baker School of Church Music
at St Alkmund's Church, Shrewsbury



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a regional initiative to enrich the musical life of the church and the wider community

taken forward by the Sam Baker School of Church Music, an educational charity named after one of the best-loved 20th-century musicians in Shrewsbury who served as organist of St Mary's and of St Chad's Church

Aspirans

will train and educate musicians to lead and accompany music in the church and in the community in the Marches, the West Midlands and Mid Wales, especially in the counties of Shropshire, Herefordshire and Powys

Our Values

To uphold the principles and values of the Christian church, while being open to engagement with people of every background, race and creed

To aspire to fulfil our vision and achieve our objectives with realism as well as the highest standards

To work effectively and efficiently maximising good practice and minimising complication and bureaucracy



Our Vision

To achieve better provision for music in worship and other church and community occasions, especially in those places which are small or have modest resources

To build up a larger body of competent but mostly amateur music leaders, keyboard players and singers to serve the needs of both church and community

To contribute to the reinvigoration of the musical, spiritual and cultural life of the region

Our Objectives

A flourishing programme of education and training through individual tuition, courses and workshops, and musical events

A body of inspiring, well-qualified and experienced tutors to provide high quality tuition at every level of ability

Collaboration and partnership to maximise the impact of the *Aspirans* initiative regionally and in relation to national initiatives and developments

Our Principal Partners

St Alkmund's Church, Shrewsbury where most of our activities are based

The Royal School of Church Music which has provided the organ in St Alkmund's Church for educational purposes and is the leading international organisation for church music training





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St Alkmund's Church, Shrewsbury, is the only medieval church in the town centre open for worship. The church supports this musical initiative as part of its mission to serve those who live and visit Shrewsbury.

The Sam Baker School of Church Music welcomes donations, grants and legacies to support its work in promoting the *Aspirans* initiative.

For further information about *Aspirans*, the Sam Baker School of Church Music, and St Alkmund's Church, please visit our website:
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