



## - BOYS AND GIRLS - WHATEVER YOUR AGE

*We guarantee a place in our  
Choir for you*

<b>If you are ...</b>	<b>then you can become ...</b>
<b>aged 7 to 10</b>	<b>a Junior Chorister</b>
<b>aged 11 to 15</b>	<b>a Senior Chorister</b>
<b>aged 16 to 19</b>	<b>a Young Adult Chorister</b>

**Adults aged 20 and over are also welcome**



*Singing Day at Bickley, September 2009*

***DON'T DELAY: JOIN US TODAY***  
***New members always welcome***

*Why not call the Choir Director, Sue Moore  
on 020 8859 6997  
for more details?*

### **WHAT DO WE OFFER ...?**

#### Free Musical Education:

As part of a traditional church choir, our choristers receive structured musical tuition from their very first practice with us. As they learn and sing music of various styles, they also develop skills and knowledge that will stay with them for life.

Practical training is achieved through the use of graded workbooks from the Royal School of Church Music so that singers can learn at their own pace, and clearly see the progress they are making at each stage. On completion of each level, progress is recognised by the award of corresponding ribbons and badges. All training materials are provided free of charge.

#### New Friends:

Membership of a group of young people who all enjoy making music, but who have other widely varying interests, is a great way to make new friends and encourage teamwork.

#### Special Events:






Our young members are encouraged to participate in various outside events, such as singing days and courses, a local singing competition and the choirs' festival at Rochester Cathedral, in addition to special services at All Saints' during the year.

We also take part in the summer Fete, Christmas Bazaar and carol singing, and try to arrange a non-musical social event each year.

#### Rewards:

A small amount of pocket money is given at the end of every three-month Term in recognition of our choristers' dedication and hard work, and a prize is awarded to the singer who has earned the most 'points' over the term. Choristers also receive payment for singing at weddings on Saturday afternoons, and there is an annual prize for the Chorister who has made the most progress during the preceding year.

### **WHAT DO WE EXPECT ...?**

-  That you will attend one rehearsal a week on Friday evening from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm to prepare for the Sunday service, and for any forthcoming events. At Christmas and Easter we also hold an additional Saturday rehearsal.
-  That you will help lead the singing at services and to produce music to enrich our regular weekly worship of God.
-  That you will come along to sing at special services held in church such as weddings, Easter and Christmas services. There are occasional weekday services during the year at which the choir is also required to sing. These usually begin at 8 pm.
-  That you will work for awards and attempt simple tests to show progress and competence as a member of the choir, and will behave in such a way as to be a good example to other members of the choir and to maintain the choir's good name.
-  That you will arrive at least ten minutes before the start of a service in order to get ready, or sit in the congregation for the service if you arrive after this time, so as not to disrupt other choir members.

Choristers also have the opportunity to learn about God and leading a Christian life by attending our Sunday Club on the first and third Sundays of the month if aged 11 or under, before singing with the choir for the rest of the service.

## SOUNDS INTERESTING ...?

If you think you might be interested and your parents are in agreement, come along at 7pm on a Friday evening and see if you enjoy being with us.

Or, if you or your parents would like a chat or more information about the choir, call the Choir Director on 020 8859 6997 (Mon-Thurs after 7pm).

You won't have to pass an audition because we believe that, given time and training, anyone can learn to sing.

This means you don't need any previous experience – in fact you don't even need to be able to sing a single note to start with! As long as you can count up to 10 and know your alphabet from A to G, we can teach you everything else you need to know.

## TO PARENTS ...

We hope that you will encourage your son/daughter to come along to All Saints' Choir.

Some parents may initially be concerned at the level of commitment we ask of our members. Over the years we have found that all our singers benefit from the regular routine and, because we are doing a professional job week by week, young singers' concentration, discipline, teamwork and reading skills often improve considerably.

New members joining the choir sing at practices only for the first 6–8 weeks; this gives both the singer and their parents time to see whether Choir is the right activity for them, and to decide whether they are prepared to commit themselves to singing regularly.



Christmas 2009

### ***Our timetable:***

#### Rehearsals

Friday evenings: 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm

Saturdays\*: Individual lessons

#### Services

Saturdays: Weddings as notified

Sundays: 10.00 am weekly service

6.30 pm once a month

Weekdays: 3 or 4 evenings per year

*\* Optional additional vocal tuition can be arranged for members of the choir on Saturday mornings, particularly in preparation for national singing awards.*

Although we do expect a high level of commitment, loyalty and discipline from our members, we always try to be flexible and to find a solution to any attendance issues which may arise.

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Details of special activities (such as extra services at All Saints', and external singing events) are notified to parents in writing as soon as details become available. Parents are asked to return a booking slip for external events so that places can be booked well in advance.

Places at singing days and festivals are paid for from the choir's own funds, but parents may be asked for a contribution towards the cost of longer courses.

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If you would like more information about what the choir has to offer, please call the Choir Director, Sue Moore, on 020 8859 6997 (Monday-Thursday evenings after 7pm) or e-mail [sue.moore@churchofengland.org](mailto:sue.moore@churchofengland.org)

Alternatively, you can stop for a chat after Sunday's 10am service or drop in on a Friday evening from 7pm to see what we do.