

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



Choral Scholar Programme 2021-22

We are hoping to appoint more choral scholars to sing with us to enhance the range of music we can use and improve our skills.

We are a choir with a mix of experienced but not professional singers and current scholars, with a newly upgraded organ.

The choir sings from a gallery with an excellent acoustic... that means we don't have to sing loudly for the sound to carry.

It is an opportunity for those who might be specialising in solo work to sing with a small group as the sole voice for a particular part, and also to sing solos as appropriate and possible. Our congregation and visitors love hearing the range of voices and the choir's enhanced sound. And our organist is an excellent accompanist. Former scholars have gone on to Lay Clerk posts in cathedrals, membership of concert and recording groups, starting their own opera companies... ..

This year we are operating a service by service system for payment and rehearsal. Choral scholars will be asked to sign a register of attendance each week, and paid a fee per service and rehearsal they attend at the end of each term. Ideally, we would like a group of 4-8 people who can help us out without all having to commit to every week.

- We are offering a fee of **£12.50** per service, and **£15** for attendance at ~90 minute rehearsals. (A person who sang for 40 services and attended four rehearsals could earn £530 in a year.)
- We will prioritise any applications from altos, tenors and basses but will consider every application.
- Rehearsals will cover music for more than one service and will not be every week.
- Other than as warm ups, or for solo verses, descants or completely new arrangements, we will not be rehearsing hymns or simple psalm settings.
- Copies of these or links to them will be sent out by email each week and we would ask everyone to turn up by 9.50 to sing at the service beginning at 10.00am
- We offer favourable rental rates to scholars who wish to put on concerts.
- During pandemic lockdowns we recorded a large amount of music in isolation used during services when singing was not allowed. It may be that we will occasionally do further recordings (where we pay per recorded part) if there is interest to do so.

Please contact our Director of Music, Andy Gait if you would like to be part of our Choral Scholar programme:

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