



*...be part of a centuries'
old tradition!*



Who are we?



The Cathedral Chamber Choir was founded in 1979 by Martin Hall, with organist John Keys, to deputise for English Cathedrals' choirs in summer and at half-terms. It was made up of amateur, semi-professional and professional singers from Oxford and Exeter Universities and toured a number of cathedrals. We sing in ancient

buildings, exploring diverse music from every period. We offer a warm social environment for singers of all ages and abilities who want to share our passion for choral music.

How do we operate?



The choir rehearses when it assembles at a Cathedral city, singing at their daily Evensong and Sunday services. Over the years, our founder members have been joined by very many new singing friends, which is what has kept the choir fresh and active over such a long period.

We welcome people with good sight-reading ability who are looking to extend their singing experience beyond what they may be doing with

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their local choirs. We welcome people who love to sing and want to take that passion to cathedrals around the country. Music lists are issued in advance but there are no prior rehearsals. Unlike other choirs, who rehearse together between visits and tour as a group, we are drawn from across the UK and beyond. Every visit is attended by a slightly different mix of people, and part of the fun is meeting together at the start of a visit and building a balanced and collegial sound. Whoever is there, the essence of the choir remains the same - friendly, supportive and with a commitment to singing excellence.

Join us to expand your musical horizons.



In our first 45 years, we have introduced many singers to cathedral repertoire at more than 90 summer and weekend visits, the most recent being **Truro** (2019 - our 40th anniversary), **Portsmouth** (2021), **Newcastle and Hexham** (2022) and **Chester** (2023). We will be resident at **Salisbury** from 19 August - 25 August 2024¹.

We sing a well-balanced repertoire at each visit, from all periods, including works that may be new or unfamiliar. We draw widely from the choral repertoire to provide a stimulating programme that is fun to learn and sing.

Who directs the music?



Sharpen your vocal skills with our experienced Directors. Learn from the best and expand your musical skills.

The Choir's Director is Alexander Berry, since 2023, Director of Music at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge. **The Assistant Director** is Chris Pilgrim, singer, organist, teacher and a former Lay Clerk of Chichester Cathedral

Safeguarding



The choir is committed to providing a safe environment for all singers, conductors and organists, young and old.

Singers under 18 must join us with a nominated adult guardian. We have safeguarding policies; a number of choir members at each meeting will have safeguarding responsibilities in their own churches having undergone appropriate DBS checks and training.

¹ The cost of a week singing at Salisbury Cathedral in 2024 will be £315 which is inclusive of B&B at Godolphin School and the daily subscription.

Accommodation and subscriptions

At a week-long visit, we arrange to stay in university, college or other suitable group accommodation. Members pay an initial deposit to confirm their intention to attend and then pay the balance for the accommodation. We will also ask you for a daily subscription which pays for the fees and expenses of the Director and Organist, administration costs and scores. At a weekend visit, we just ask for a subscription – and you will need to organise your own local accommodation.

William Wingate Bursaries



“Thank you so much for enabling our stay. I appreciated the intense practice. It has been great fun working with you all.” D.W. (Winchester 2018).

William Wingate left a sum in his will for the development of the choir. We use it to support young singers with travel and accommodation who might not be able to meet the full costs of a residential visit.

Holders of bursaries are fully incorporated into the work and activities of the choir, making new friends and discovering and celebrating with us the glories of English Choral Music. There’s more information about bursaries on our website.

Our contact details

Visit online to learn more about us and to discover the joy of singing with our choir!

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