

What's the commitment?

The week of a chorister at St John's is demanding, yet very rewarding. School holidays are factored into the choir's schedule.

Every week (during term term):

Wednesday (*This is not finalised*)

16:00 - 16:30 **Choir Club** (including homework opportunities, music theory and refreshments)

16:30 - 18:00 **Rehearsal**

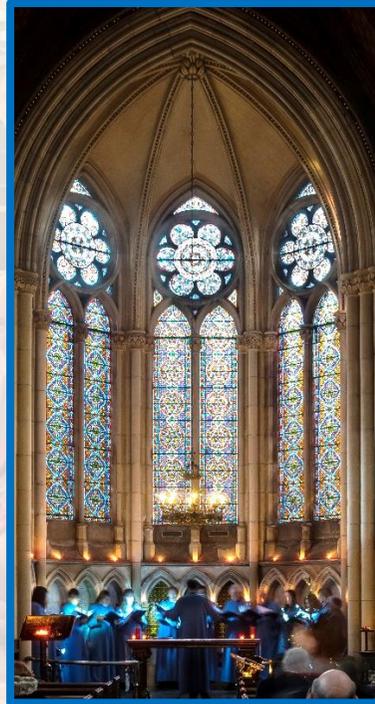
1st Sunday 08:45 - 10:45 **Rehearsal & Service**

2nd Sunday 16:30 - 19:00 **Rehearsal & Service**

3rd Sunday 08:45 - 10:45 **Rehearsal & Service**

2nd Sunday 16:30 - 19:00 **Rehearsal & Service**

The schedule will alter over the Easter and Christmas period, due to differing service times.



Could this be YOUR son or daughter?



An amazing new
opportunity at the very
heart of Alresford..

Interested? Be a Chorister for a day!

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Places are offered to children regardless of financial, religious or musical background. We are not expecting a finished product! We are looking for a good musical ear, enthusiasm and a clear voice with potential.

Come and experience the musical life of St John's at a date to be announced when there will be opportunity to sing with the adults, learn a new piece, meet the people of St John's Church and ask questions about the experience.

Please contact Richard to register your interest. For more information, visit:

www.stjohnsalresford.org.uk/people-profiles/music-and-choir



A unique and special opportunity

In 2019 St John's Church, under its Director of Music Richard McVeigh, is creating a new choir to consist of boy and girl choristers!

Situated in the very heart of the stunning town of Alresford, the choristers will sing alongside the existing adults of the St John's Choir who are already recognised as one of the leading church choirs in the whole of Hampshire!



Why should my child join a choir?

The musical education that the St John's Choristers will receive will be from highly-trained and expert musicians, including free vocal coaching and theory tuition. These are some of the benefits and skills that choristers will carry with them throughout their lives:

♪ Making friends and having fun

The Choristers will be drawn from all over the area. Alongside singing, there will be occasional social activities such as bowling, cinema trips, pizza parties and trips away;

♪ Receiving first-class musical training

The Choristers will become expert singers who learn to perform to the highest standards;

♪ Teamwork

Every singer of the choir is a highly valued member of the team – from the newest recruit to the most experienced adult;

♪ Academic Work

Research shows that children who engage in musical activity can benefit from improved IQ, spatial awareness and language development. Choristers are known to excel in many other walks of life later in life;



♪ Professionalism

Choristers are ordinary children who do an extraordinary job. They will be taught the importance of focus and exceptional conduct which is required when singing;

♪ Trips and tours

Each year the St John's Choir goes on singing trips including to such cathedrals as Winchester, Salisbury and Chichester, and sings in stunning churches as St Cross (Winchester), Sherborne Abbey, Itchen Stoke and others around the Diocese;

♪ Nurturing a musical life

Many children who have been choristers have gone on to study music at university, many of whom carry on to being highly-successful musicians.

How much does it cost?

Absolutely nothing! In fact, there are occasions throughout the year when *all* members of the choir get paid for their attendance! Choir robes and sheet music is provided, and refreshments are provided at each rehearsal.

For exceptional choristers, there may also be the opportunity of receiving a contribution towards the cost of individual training.

