

BE A CHORISTER FOR AN AFTERNOON

Would you like to try out a chorister's life for one afternoon? The cathedral runs regular opportunities for boys and girls to come to the cathedral, sing with the choir, meet our staff and find out more. Here you will have the opportunity to:-

- Enjoy singing games with our music staff
- Meet the current choristers and find out more about the welcoming choristership community
- Perform with Worcester Cathedral Choir at Evensong
- Visit The King's School and meet the King's family

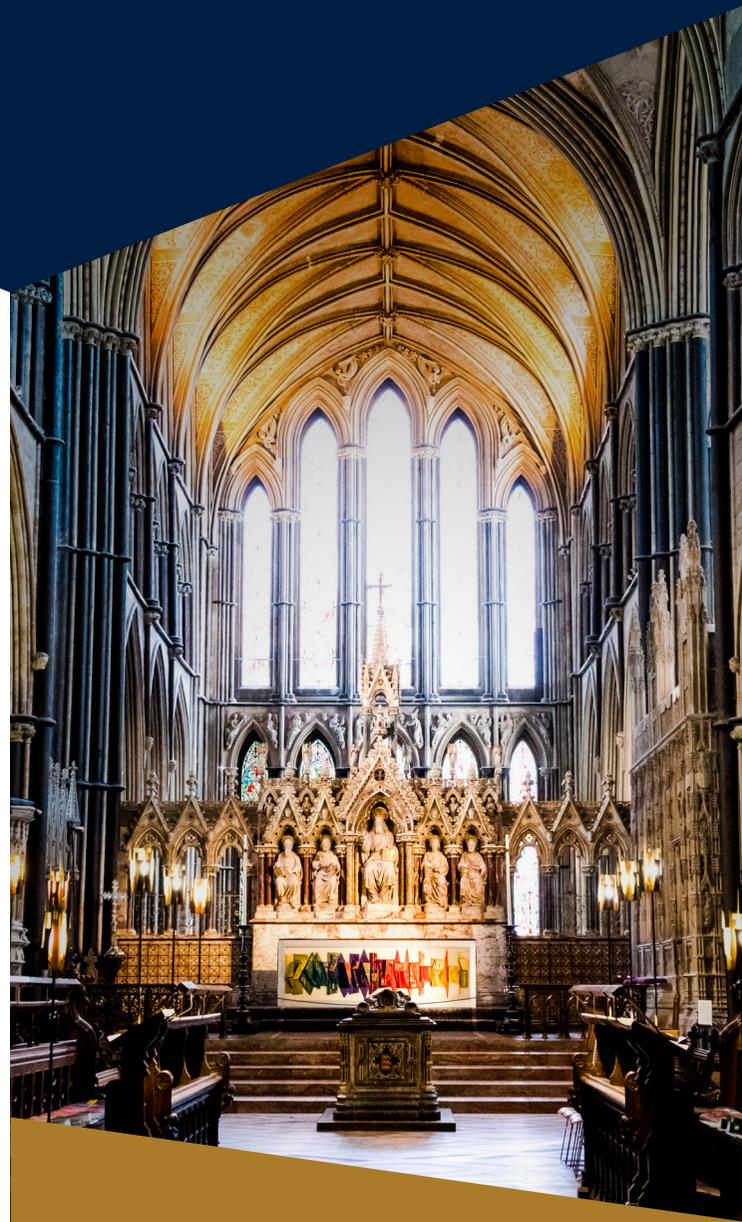


For more information on forthcoming events, please contact the music department administrator, Alan Sheldon, on alansheldon@worcestercathedral.org.uk, or visit the cathedral's website.

BECOME A CHORISTER

We are always pleased to hear from prospective choristers, and would encourage families of boys and girls who have a love of singing and enthusiasm for music to find out more about the opportunities that accompany life as a chorister.

If you are interested in becoming a chorister, please contact Samuel Hudson, Organist & Director of Music via email samuelhudson@worcestercathedral.org.uk or on **01905 732916**.



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Choristership information for prospective boys and girls

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Worcester Cathedral's boy and girl choristers benefit from a first-class all-round education at The King's School, coupled with unparalleled musical training from the Cathedral's music staff. Choristers experience a repertoire that spans centuries and have opportunities to perform with professional singers and instrumentalists, in major concerts and in radio broadcasts.

The skills that a chorister learns are transferable and equip them for life: those of leadership, confidence, self-discipline, presentation and teamwork, in addition to an understanding and love of music and performance. Choristers go on to pursue successful careers in all fields and develop a life-long passion for music.

There are many performing opportunities, one being the annual Three Choirs Festival, the oldest festival of its kind in the world, with the chance to perform with the Philharmonia Orchestra under the baton of leading conductors.



THE KING'S SCHOOL

All Worcester Cathedral's choristers attend the King's School Foundation.

They begin their school life as a pupil at King's St Alban's Prep School before moving to the adjacent Senior School at the beginning of Year 7. Choristers enjoy the richness of the King's School life, with a wide array of academic and extra-curricular opportunities on offer, in addition to access to outstanding facilities on site at both the Prep and Senior School. Boy choristers are accepted from year 3, continuing until the end of year 8 (with an option to sing in year 9 should the voice permit), and girl choristers are recruited from year 4 and continue until the end of year 9.

All boy and girl choristers receive a scholarship which offers a reduction on tuition fees after musical and academic testing. Prospective choristers do not need to be current pupils at King's St Alban's, but would start at King's alongside their entry to the choir.

To discover more about King's St Alban's visit www.ksw.org.uk. To arrange a visit, please contact our Registrar Mrs Louise Robins on **01905 363592** or email lrobins@ksw.org.uk.



A CHORISTER'S DAY

On four days of the week, both boy and girl choristers attend a morning practice before the start of the school day (beginning at 8.15 am). Choral Evensong is sung on each of those days by either the boy or girl choristers in a balanced fortnightly schedule - on days with afternoon commitments, the choristers come to the cathedral after school for choir tea, a further rehearsal and the singing of Choral Evensong at 5.30 pm, which finishes by 6.15 pm.

Weekend commitments are also shared between the two groups of choristers - one week they will sing Evensong on Saturday afternoon, and the next they will sing the two Sunday services: the Eucharist at 10.30 am and Evensong at 4 pm.

Choristers play a full role in the Cathedral's major feasts of Christmas and Easter, when they sing at services, concerts and other events, including the Cathedral's popular Christmas Tree Festival.

The choir year gives time for social events and gatherings, including the much-loved annual pancake race around the Cathedral cloisters!

