



The Choir of St Saviour's, Pimlico: Junior Choral Scholarship Scheme Information Pack 2024/25

The Choir of St Saviour's, Pimlico is recruiting four Choral Scholars (SATB) for the academic year September 2024 - July 2025. We are very grateful for the generosity of the Ouseley Church Music Trust who are supporting this new scheme.

About The Choir of St Saviour's, Pimlico

Music is a vital part of the worship and culture of St Saviour's, Pimlico. From the Sunday 10.30am Sung Mass, to our services of Choral Evensong and Benediction, to the weekly Pimlico Lunchtime Concerts, both sacred and secular music enriches the spiritual and cultural lives of our congregation and visitors. The Choir of St Saviour's, Pimlico consists of four paid Choral Scholars (SATB), four Junior Choral Scholars, and a number of highly valued volunteers.



Junior Choral Scholarships at St Saviour's

The Junior Choral Scholarship Scheme is designed for talented and passionate 6th Form Students who wish to develop their singing in a liturgical setting by joining a high-quality and friendly choir. Junior Choral Scholars will be provided with regular performance opportunities through which they can develop their skill and, most importantly, their confidence. Choral Scholars are introduced to a wide range of choral repertoire, from Renaissance polyphony, to 21st Century compositions. Working alongside the Choral Scholars and volunteers, Junior Choral Scholars will increase their knowledge of the choral canon, and improve their sight-reading.

Junior Choral Scholarships are designed to be supportive and nurturing. Junior Choral Scholars will receive guidance and mentorship from both the Choral Scholars and the Director of Music throughout their tenure. The Director of Music and Choral Scholars will be on hand throughout the year to answer any questions you may have about taking your singing further, either at university, conservatoire, or in other liturgical settings. The role also presents a fantastic opportunity to connect with peers who share similar interests. It is hoped that Junior Choral Scholars will engage actively with additional commitments such as fundraising concerts and Come & Sing days.

For the right candidate there may also be the possibility of an Organ Scholarship under similar terms. If you would like to discuss this further, please do contact us.

Schedule & Attendance

The schedule below details all the services sung by The Choir of St Saviour's, Pimlico, throughout the academic year 2024 - 25. Junior Choral Scholars are encouraged to attend as many services as they are able, as regular attendance will increase the impact of the scheme upon their development. Moreover, the strength of the choir benefits significantly from the consistency of singing together and forming a cohesive musical and social group.

Whilst you are always welcome to sing, services marked in orange fall outside of school term time, and these services are therefore optional. A minimum of 80% attendance at other services is expected. All absences and attendance, including for optional services, must be discussed and confirmed with the Director of Music in advance. It is essential that sufficient notice of absence is given. Absence must be agreed a minimum of two weeks in advance as this will influence the choice of music for a given service. In cases of illness, prompt communication is expected in order to mitigate disruption.

Sunday Sung Mass 10.30am, rehearsal 9.30am

September 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
October 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
November 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd
January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
February 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd
March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
April 6th, 13th, 20th
May 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
June 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
July 6th, 13th

Sunday Evensong & Benediction 5pm, rehearsal 3.45pm

8th September, 6th October, 20th April (Easter), 1st June, 13th July (Dedication Festival)

Additional Services

3rd November (Sunday) - Music and Readings for All Souls - 3.30pm for 5pm
1st December (Sunday) - Advent Carols - 3.30pm for 5pm
15th December (Sunday) - 9 Lessons & Carols - 3.30pm for 5pm
24th December (Tuesday) - Midnight Mass - 10.30pm for 11.30pm
25th December (Wednesday) - Christmas Day - 9.30am for 10.30am
2nd February (Sunday) - Candlemas - 6pm for 7pm
5th March (Wednesday) - Ash Wednesday - 6 for 7pm

Expectations & Dress Code

You are expected to arrive punctually to rehearsals, having prepared for the day's music. Copies of the music will be provided in advance and if you would like advice or guidance on preparing for services, the Director of Music and Choral Scholars will be very willing to help you.

Each member of the choir has a number for every copy of music from the library, and will be liable for the cost of replacement if copies are lost. The use of mobile phones in rehearsals and services is strictly forbidden.

We wear gowns, so your clothes will be visible. Dark (preferably black), smart shoes are essential (no trainers!). We expect Junior Choral Scholars to dress smartly, setting an example to volunteers (e.g. shirt and tie, smart dress, skirt, or trousers).

Safeguarding

You will be required to sign a separate 'Code of Conduct' form as recommended by the Diocese of London. You are required to notify me immediately if you are the subject of a referral to the Disclosure and Barring Service, charged or convicted of any criminal offence, or in receipt of a police caution, reprimand or warning; or if you are subject to a formal child protection investigation. You will comply with all relevant statutory and local provisions and procedures in force relating to safeguarding. A copy of the safeguarding policy will be given to you.

Honorarium

Junior Choral Scholarships are worth £500/year. This will be paid in five equal instalments of £100 at the end of October, December, February, April and July. We strongly encourage Junior Choral Scholars to use this remuneration to help pay for travel expenses, courses, purchasing music, or singing/instrumental lessons.

You will be paid by BACS transfer upon receipt of an invoice. Guidance on this process will be provided. Throughout the scholarship period, you will be a Junior Choral Scholar at St Saviour's and not an employee. Nothing in this document is intended to create a relationship of employer and employee between you and St Saviour's.

Renewal

Choral Scholarships will be tenable for one year only and will only be renewed in exceptional circumstances.

Eligibility

Enthusiasm for singing as a member of a team, together with a willingness to learn and develop their musical talent, will be determining factors in the appointment of Junior Choral Scholars. The scholarships are open to those in the 6th Form (Year 12/13). Our Choral Scholarships are particularly aimed at bridging the gap between school- and university-level choral experience.

Essential qualities include:

- some experience of singing in a choir (this does not need to be a church choir)
- an ability to read music
- a desire to learn as part of a relatively small choral group.

Desirable qualities:

- Sight-reading skills will be an advantage, as will any previous experience of church music.

To Apply



Please use the QR Code to access the Application Form. Please complete each section, detailing your experience as a singer, explaining what attracts you to this position, and sharing what you wish to gain from the opportunity.

Applicants will be shortlisted solely on the basis of what you write on the form, so please make sure you mention all the skills and experiences that you feel are relevant. Please do not send CVs as we will be unable to consider these.

If you cannot access the Application Form, please contact the Parish Administrator at office@stsp.org.uk to request the GoogleForm link.

The closing date for applications is **5pm Thursday 6th June**.

Shortlisted applicants will be asked to perform a solo piece of up to 5 minutes in length and undertake sight-reading, aural tests and a short interview. Auditions for shortlisted applicants will take place on **Saturday 15th June**. Please indicate your availability for this date on the application form. If you know that you cannot make this date, please also indicate this on the application form and we will endeavour to find a suitable alternative.