

ST DENYS CHURCH CHOIR, LISVANE

-- AUDITIONING FOR CHORISTERS --

WHY JOIN THE CHOIR?

St Denys Choir has a high reputation for choral singing built over decades by dedicated choristers. It enables young choristers to learn much about choral singing and gives them valuable experience for their future education and sometimes their careers. The library of music is quite extensive and music of all periods of choral singing is sung regularly, giving choristers valuable experience in music from an early stage of their education.

The Choir comprises four sections:- Sopranos/Trebles; Contraltos/Altos; Tenors; and Basses. Girls and Boys sing the Treble with the ladies (sopranos), Ladies also sing the Contralto and the men sing the Tenor and Bass lines.

CHOIR PRACTICE

These are held on **Thursday evenings, from 7.00 – 8.15pm for boys and girls**, and 7.45 – 9.00pm for seniors. The boys and girls have the opportunity of singing with the full choir from 7.45 until 8.15.

Services are on Sunday mornings at 9.30am, and Sunday evenings 6.30pm (except 1st Sunday of the month.) Evensong on the 4th Sunday of the month is a full choral setting of canticles and responses. (as sung in cathedrals)

Choristers would be expected to attend practice on Thursdays, and services on Sunday mornings at 9.30am (except 3rd Sunday of month) and evening services at 6.30pm on 2nd and 4th Sundays

TRAINING

St Denys church is affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music, and uses its training scheme. This is intended to develop a basic knowledge of music and singing, and includes Christian training. Choristers move through the stages of Junior and Senior Singers and are awarded at each level of proficiency. Many have achieved Dean's (Bronze), and Bishop's (Silver) Chorister awards.

WHAT ELSE DOES THE CHOIR DO?

Frequently the choir is invited to sing at services in cathedrals when the cathedral choir is on holiday. Llandaff and Brecon are regulars and others in recent years have been St David's Hereford, Gloucester, Tewkesbury Abbey, and Guildford

cathedrals. We have also sung at Coventry,(2008), Exeter (twice) Bristol, Worcester (twice). We sing again at Worcester in April 2009.

The Choir needs a steady stream of youngsters to join to replace those boys and girls who move on to higher education. The usual joining age is from 7 or 8, or older, and there are good opportunities to earn **extra pocket money !**

PAY

For each attendance at choir practice, and Sunday service as mentioned above, **50p**. Full attendance in the month would earn each chorister **£5.00**.

Additionally, fees are earned for weddings – starting at £2.00 for junior members rising to £5.00(each wedding) for those who have obtained ribbon awards through the RSCM training scheme.

It costs nothing to join! – and it can be very rewarding for them – they do not have to have any musical knowledge to join – just be able to follow a tune – they learn the rest – and they have some fun too!

WE NOW HAVE VACANCIES FOR NEW CHORISTERS, - BOYS AND GIRLS, AND YOUNG SOPRANOS.

If you have a youngster who would like to join, and broaden their musical knowledge and singing please bring them along. Mums and Dads too are very welcome to join if you have an ear for music.

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