

The Choir of Chingford Parish Church

A traditional cathedral-style choir of boy choristers and men



Boys, girls and men at York Minster, August 2017

Be a Chingford Chorister!

Benefits of being a chorister include:

- ◆ Singing in cathedrals in England and abroad
- ◆ Achieving accredited awards
- ◆ Learning to sing well and read music
- ◆ Being broadcast on radio and TV
- ◆ Recording CDs
- ◆ Playing games in our Choristers' Club
- ◆ Having lots of fun on our annual choir week
- ◆ Making lots of new friends

We invite boys aged **7 and over**, who enjoy singing, to consider joining our excellent and famous choir. Membership infers **no cost** and offers tremendous educational opportunities and can help with **university entrance** through gaining choral scholarships.

See our video on our website at www.parishofchingford.org.uk which explains more about what the choir is about, what the boys can achieve and the fun and friendships they can make.

Due in large part to our excellent reputation, we occasionally make radio and TV programmes — the boys and girls have recorded a TV programme about the history of the "Oranges and Lemons" nursery rhyme. We have made professional recordings and make regular visits to national and international cathedrals.

Reverend Canon Andrew Piper, the Precentor at Hereford cathedral, said in a letter to our Musical Director "*your choir is without doubt one of the best parish church choirs that we have hosted in the 9½ years that I have served here: indeed, the standard of music that you delivered was higher than could be achieved by quite a few English cathedral choirs!*".

The boys rehearse on **Wednesday and Friday evenings**, then usually sing at one of the Sunday services at the parish church. All adult assistance has been DBS checked.

A **small payment**, based on attendance, is paid to each chorister, rewarding the seriousness of commitment to the choir. This can grow to a significant sum by the time they leave the choir. Choristers can earn money singing at professional engagements such as weddings and corporate functions.

Our director-of-music has been a secondary school music teacher for many years and is able to help choristers develop important life skills such as improving concentration, behaviour and social skills that are beneficial in assisting with their academic progress at school.

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