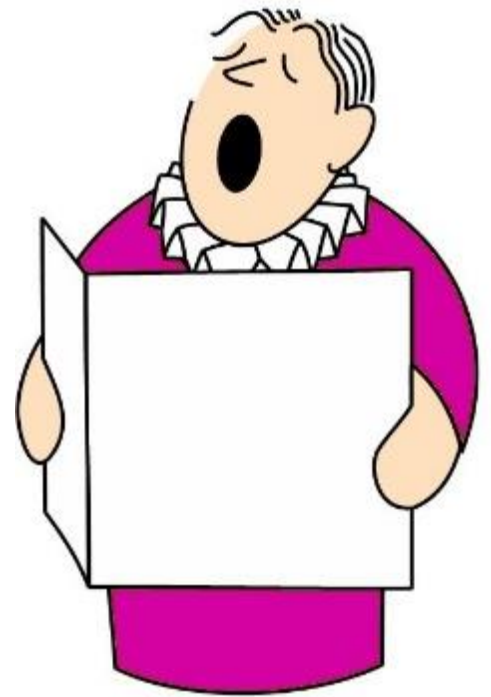


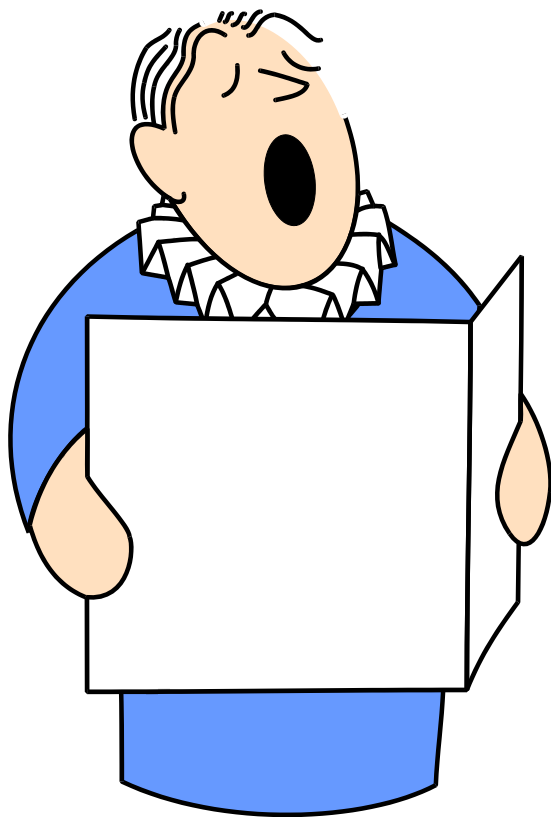
Music at St Nicholas Church

Would **YOU**
or **YOUR CHILD**
like to join us?



We are recruiting for children
aged 7 to 14 for our **BOYS** and **GIRLS** choirs

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no experience is needed and
there are no auditions.

We are also recruiting for
EXPERIENCED SINGERS,
who can read music, for our
Adult Choir from age 14 up.

Contact: DirectorofMusic@StNicholas.ParishofHarpenden.org

Do YOU have a son, daughter, granddaughter or grandson, neighbour or friend who enjoys singing?

We are recruiting for new members of our two children's choirs at St Nicholas Church, to start in September 2018.

Why join a choir?

Anyone who has heard a good choir sing will appreciate the **magic and beauty** of choral singing. The human voice is a musical instrument to be treasured.

There is **no charge** for the vocal and **musical training** the children receive, and the children themselves receive **pocket money** for their work in the choir!

Learning to sing is a challenge and **learning to sing with others** is even more rewarding.

You will **make friends!** Choral singing can become a **hobby for life** and musicians are notoriously sociable!

Research has shown that studying music **benefits children** across the academic curriculum in many ways. They will learn transferable skills and **gain in confidence** too.

Learning to sing is also enormously beneficial to those already learning to play instruments.

Children can join at **any age from 7**, the junior choirs go up to 14 so older starters are welcome.

No previous experience is necessary and there is no audition!

To begin with your child will join as a '**probationer**' while they get used to being in the choir. Older children will help them settle in.

They will attend **Rehearsals** –

- Girls – Thursdays 5-6pm
- Boys – Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm

And **Sunday Services** –

- 9am rehearsal for 9.30 service.

Each choir has some Sundays off. Duties increase as choristers get older and more experienced and may involve singing for Weddings, for which there is **additional pay!**

We provide

robes, music, pencils, friends, training, experience, expert advice, fun, treats, sense of belonging, pride, pocket money, rewards, etc.

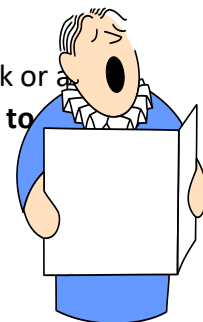
You provide

your child - ready to attend regularly on time and grow as a singer,
your support and encouragement!

Contact directorofmusic@stnicholas.parishofharpندن.org
if you & your child are interested, or for more information.

Further information

We have an adult choir, incorporating young people from year 10 up as well as those who work or retired. **Please contact us if you are an adult or teenager who can read music and would like to**



Rehearsals

Girls – Thursday 5-6pm with probationers, Friday 6.45-8pm (no probationers)

Boys – Thursday 6.30-7.30pm with probationers, Friday 6.45-8pm (no probationers)

Usual Pattern of Services

Girls 8.50am for 9am rehearsal for 9.30 service *except for 2nd and 5th Sundays each month.*

5.40 for 5.45 rehearsal for evensong on 1st, 4th (and 5th) Sundays each month. (no probationers) *2nd Sunday off*

Boys 8.50am for 9am rehearsal for 9.30 service *except for 4th and 5th Sundays each month.*

5.40 for 5.45 rehearsal for evensong on 1st, 2nd (and 5th) Sundays each month. (no probationers) *4th Sunday off*

Adults (including Youth) 8.50am for 9am rehearsal for 9.30 service *except for 3rd Sundays each month.*

5.40 for 5.45 rehearsal for evensong on 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. *3rd Sunday off*

1 st Sunday of month	am ALL	pm ALL (no probationers)
2 nd Sunday of month	am BOYS & ADULTS	pm BOYS & ADULTS (no probationers)
3 rd Sunday of month	am BOYS & GIRLS	pm no evensong, usually
4 th Sunday of month	am GIRLS & ADULTS	pm GIRLS & ADULTS (no probationers)
5 th Sunday of month	am ADULTS ONLY	pm BOYS & GIRLS (no probationers)

(5th Sunday occurs approx. 4 times per year – Sep/Dec 2018, Mar/Jun 2019)

Collecting children and supervision

We would generally expect primary age children to be collected from inside the building.

We have a rota of parents to sit in on rehearsals – it's not often if everyone takes a turn. It's just in case there's some sort of emergency, almost always there's nothing to do and you can read a book or be playing on your phone 😊.

Clothes, etc...

In general, it's important we look neat and tidy for services - anything other than black school type shoes looks daft with a choir robe! If everything sticking out at the bottom of the cassock is black or as dark as possible, then we look good. Tidy hair is also important. Wear whatever you like to rehearsals!

Payment and Attendance

School age children are paid pocket money for each attendance, with bonuses on top for excellent attendance, solos etc.. Please only miss choir when it's unavoidable... illness or a really important school or family event. Please let me know if you can't make it.

Training, Progress, Awards

One of the great things about a church choir is the free musical training which will have an impact on all areas of your child's life, musically, academically, socially, in terms of confidence, discipline and understanding! We use the **Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) Voice for Life** training scheme with the children, which includes vocal training, musicianship, good choral habits, commitment, knowledge, etc.

There will be half an hour between the girls and boys Thursday practices when we can arrange for training at different levels – so no-one will be doing it every week.

You can find about Voice for Life here - <https://www.rscm.com/voiceforlife/>

