

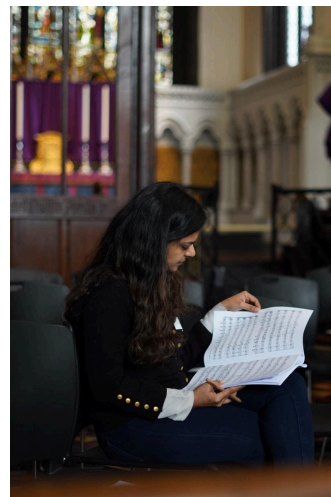


## The Choir of St Saviour's, Pimlico: Junior Choral Scholarship Scheme Information Pack 2024/25

The Choir of St Saviour's, Pimlico is recruiting three Junior Choral Scholars 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 70% attendance at other services is expected, although exceptions will be made for public examinations. All absences and attendance must be discussed and confirmed with the Director of Music in advance. It is essential that sufficient notice of absence is given.

### **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 £750/year. This will be paid in three equal instalments of £250 in December, 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**

Junior 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.