

CHORISTERS

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS
AND CHILDREN



ST. MARY
MAGDALENE



NEWARK ON TRENT
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THE CHORAL TRADITION AT ST MARY MAGDALENE

St Mary Magdalene, situated in the heart of Newark, has a long history as a place where children have enjoyed singing. Today it offers a traditional style of choral worship with a real emphasis on the involvement of young people.

Wednesday: 4:30pm Theory and Individual Training
5:00pm-6:30pm Rehearsal in the Song School
Friday: 6:00pm Theory and Individual Training
6:30pm-7:45pm Rehearsal in the Song School
Sunday: 8:50am Rehearsal in the Church for:
9:30am Parish Eucharist
5:00pm Rehearsal in the Church for:
6:00pm Choral Evensong

Outline during term time; details may vary from week to week.

Choristers are expected to attend a minimum of 75% of rehearsals and services.
Theory Classes are available before Wednesday and Friday rehearsals

Rev. David Pickersgill:

"A church choir brings together three things: The joy of singing as part of a group; excellent musical education; and the worship of God.



"If your child loves to sing, they will find that gift nurtured and developed to an incredibly high standard within the St Mary's church choir. The music we sing here is beautiful and deeply meaningful and the choir have a great time singing together."



SING

- in the iconic town centre building of St Mary Magdalene, sometimes to hundreds of people

PARTICIPATE

- in part of one of the oldest parish choirs in the country
- in a high-achieving, professionally run programme
- in nationally recognised graded exams

RECEIVE

- first-class training in singing from professional musicians, including vocal technique, aural skills and music theory
- a subsidy towards instrumental music lessons
- a chance to develop crucial life skills
- a chance to make friends and have fun with activities and trips

Are you keen to sing, eager to learn, and ready to commit to a demanding but rewarding schedule?

We are looking for young people aged 7 or above with a good ear. Choristerships at St Mary Magdalene are offered to young people from across the town and beyond, irrespective of family, financial, or religious backgrounds. Your child does not need to play an instrument or to have any previous musical experience.



"Being a chorister is a wonderful start to a young musician's training, and an experience they will treasure for the rest of their lives. Nurturing a child's natural ability unlocks for them a lifetime of enjoying music as one of humanity's greatest cultural achievements."

Our team of professional musicians and chorister assistants are all DBS checked. Together, this group ensures the welfare of the choristers in their care and that appropriate safe-guarding procedures are followed. The safety of young people is a top priority for us and for the Church of England, and our procedures are overseen by the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

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- No joining fee
 - Receive pocket money for attendance
 - As seen on TV
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