



ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL

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St Davids Cathedral is unique in the UK in that the top line of the Cathedral Choir (full choir) is sung by girl choristers aged 8-18. They sing with adult and student singers who make up the alto, tenor and bass sections of the choir consisting of three 'gap year' choral scholars and at least 6 'lay vicars' who work locally in a variety of occupations.



Becoming a Cathedral Chorister

Being a member of the Cathedral Choir at St Davids is an immensely fun and rewarding experience. Many choristers find they are particularly successful in many other walks of life because of the skills, talents and self-discipline they have been able to nurture through singing regularly at a very high level. In return for a regular commitment the choristers become part of a very special team that is widely recognised throughout the UK for its musical excellence.

Benefits and Choir Pay

- A first class musical education in singing, performance, sight-reading, languages, theory and working as part of a team
- Payment per service and for weddings, Radio / TV appearances recordings and concerts
- Free singing lessons
- Associated Board singing and instrumental exam entry fees will be paid for by the cathedral when a chorister passes successfully
- The cost of touring abroad is subsidised by the Choir Fund

Recordings and Broadcasts

The Cathedral Choir has made several CDs in recent years and broadcasts regularly on BBC Radio 3 and 4 and sometimes on television.

Tours

The Cathedral Choir has toured in Australia, Bulgaria, France, Holland, Ireland, Spain and the USA. In 2013 the Cathedral Choir made a highly successful tour of Rome.

St Davids Cathedral Festival

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The Festival takes place annually at the end of May and is one of the most highly regarded and successful events of its type in the UK. The Cathedral Choir takes a leading role and has given concerts with professional orchestras, premiered new music and broadcasts Evensong annually on BBC Radio 3.

Social Activities

There are usually various choir parties and social events throughout the year to which choir members and their families are invited.

Choir Duties

The normal weekly pattern is as follows:

Wednesday	4.30 pm Rehearsal / 6.00 pm Evensong / <i>c.6.40pm Finish</i>
Thursday	4.30 pm Rehearsal / 6.00 pm Evensong / <i>c.6.40pm Finish</i>
Sunday	10.15 am Rehearsal / 11.15am Service / <i>c.12.30pm Finish</i> 5.15pm Rehearsal / 6.00pm Evensong / <i>c.7.00pm Finish</i>

Holidays

The choir is not normally required outside standard academic term times except at Christmas, Easter and during the Festival as explained above. The choir takes a holiday usually for at least 10 days after Christmas and Easter and for a week including one weekend at half-terms. The summer break usually takes place from mid-July until the first week of September.

Music Staff

The Organist & Master of the Choristers (appointed in 2013) is Oliver Waterer. He is responsible for all the music at the Cathedral and for the recruitment, the running and the training of the choirs. The Assistant Director of Music is Simon Pearce who has served the cathedral since 1998. He assists with the running of the music department and is responsible for playing the organ at cathedral services as well as the recruitment and training of the Junior Choir and the Cathedral Singers, an adult voluntary choir. Susan Howley is well known in Pembrokeshire and beyond as a professional singer, pianist and music director and has been the cathedral's charismatic singing teacher since 2013.

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