

Testimonial

It was 10-year-old Molly who established a strong role for girls in the choir at Holy Trinity, from a sense that she wanted access to the same experiences of her big brother, Victor. She'd seen him enjoying the experience of singing in a group, in an environment that embraced singing as a completely natural thing to do. There was no laughing or sniggering about the fact that people sang. The choir had an almost magical aura about it, seeming like a club where everyone had a good time. Having not been part of the "in" crowd at school, this was a very inclusive place, a different "in" group which welcomed and nurtured musicianship.

Molly links her involvement in the choir to her musical career. After eight years in our choir she went on to complete her undergraduate course at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance and gained a Master of Performance degree at the Royal College of Music. She is now working as a freelance solo and orchestral cellist and in addition to teaching privately in London she is the lead instrumental teacher at Herford Music Service. She says that learning the precision of church music was a definite benefit for playing string instruments because it helped to attune her ear to the notes and voice of the instrument.



About US

Holy Trinity is an Anglican church that aims to be friendly and inclusive, welcoming people of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities as we worship God together and study His Word in a prayerful and caring community.

This church has a long-standing choral tradition and an excellent three manual pipe organ set in a fine acoustic. The robed choir make a major contribution to the worship of the church through sung services.

Our mixed adult choir of all ages and junior choir from age 8-18 sings music across the whole church choral repertoire spanning all centuries and genres.

You would be expected to commit to regular attendance at Friday evening choir rehearsals and both Sunday services on the first four weeks of the month. The morning services are usually Eucharistic from 10:30-11:40 with a pre-service rehearsal at 10 am. The evening services usually take the form of a Cathedral style Choral Evensong from 6:30 - 7:15 with a pre-service rehearsal at 5:30 pm. Additional services include Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Ascension Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day but we don't usually sing during August.

We have many facilities at the church to enable music making. The choir vestry houses an upright piano and an electronic classical organ that are both available for practicing. The church has two grand pianos and a fine three-manual 1966 Walker pipe organ.

For further information visit the website at www.trinitybenefice.co.uk/holy-trinity



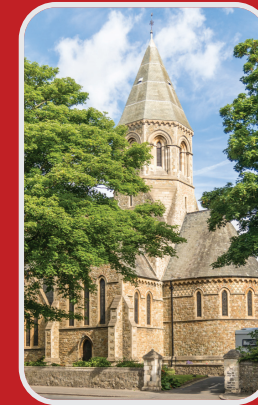
Holy Trinity Church
Folkestone



Scholarships

We are offering:

Four
Choral Scholarships
worth up to £375 a year
each available to 15-18 year
olds with previous singing
experience



One
Organ Scholarship

worth up to £500 a year
available to 15-18 year olds
with at least grade five piano



All scholarships are offered
for a period of one year,
renewable for up to three years.

Other
Singing Opportunities

worth up to £75 a year each
available to 8-18 year olds
No previous singing experience needed

Four Choral Scholarships

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available to 15-18 year olds
with singing experience

These choral scholarships are a wonderful way of gaining experience of singing at a high standard in a group that covers a large repertoire of sacred music. It is also excellent preparation for any young musician wanting to pursue music further, especially singers who may wish to apply for choral awards at university. As a choral scholar, you will be expected to demonstrate excellent commitment and musicianship.

Joining

Entry to the choir for scholars is via a short informal audition. We are looking for people with a clear voice who have some sight singing ability. If interested you should send your details together with any previous experience to the Director of Music either by post to the church or by e-mail to dom@trinitybenefice.co.uk.

The "Onward Trust"

These choral scholarships are funded by the "Onward Trust" given specifically to assist with the costs of singing tuition in the Choir.



One Organ Scholarship

worth up to £500 a year
available to 15-18 year olds
with at least grade five piano

Our organ scholarship is an excellent opportunity for you to gain experience as a part-time assistant organist. You will gain experience in accompanying, conducting, and other aspects of music-making in the church. It can provide opportunities for you to play for services, work with the choir and gives access to practice on our fine 3 manual Walker instrument.

As organ scholar you will have reached a standard equivalent to at least Grade 5 in your piano studies and an ability to sing would be helpful as you would be expected to sing when not playing or conducting.



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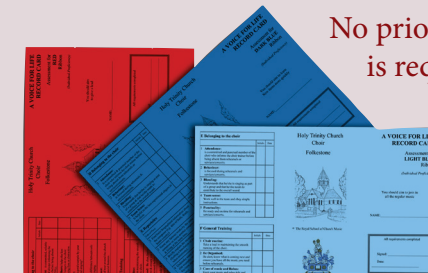
The "Friends of the Music"

This organ scholarship is funded by the "Friends of the Music" set up to support the funding of an organ scholar.

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Singing well is good fun and we sing a great variety of sacred music to a high standard during our regular weekly church services.



No prior experience is required, just an enthusiasm for singing as regular training is provided. There is always plenty to do and

the choir is much appreciated by all who hear it. Choristers follow 'Voice for Life', a music training programme from the Royal School of Church Music of which we are a member. All children are supervised by adults with DBS and Safeguarding training and all children are supervised by adults with DBS and Safeguarding training. 8-18 year olds receive a small monthly amount calculated using attendance and the level of proficiency reached. As each level is completed the rate increases and additional payments are made for weddings and other special services and events.

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Either send details to the Director of Music by post to the church, Trinity Church, Sandgate Road, Folkestone CT20 2HQ. or by e-mail to: dom@trinitybenefice.co.uk,

The choir pay is funded by the church to encourage attendance and the continuance of the choir.