

*If you love music and  
enjoy singing...*

...THEN JOINING THE JUNIOR CHOIR AT ST JOHN'S,  
PETERBOROUGH, COULD BE FOR YOU!

WE OFFER A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN OF  
ALL AGES TO SING UPLIFTING MUSIC IN OUR  
BEAUTIFUL AND BUSY BUILDING HERE IN THE HEART  
OF PETERBOROUGH.

READ ON TO FIND OUT WHAT WE DO, WHEN WE DO  
IT, AND DISCOVER ALL THE OTHER THINGS THAT CAN  
MAKE LIFE AS A CHORISTER AT ST JOHN'S SO  
REWARDING...

## CONTACT US

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION  
ABOUT THE CHOIR THEN PLEASE DON'T  
HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH.**

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## LOVE TO SING?

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# JUNIOR CHOIR



**A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN AGED 7+  
TO SING, ENJOY MUSIC AND MAKE FRIENDS  
IN A SAFE, FUN AND STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT.**

**EXPLORE THIS LEAFLET TO FIND OUT MORE!**



### Who we are

The choir is a lively group recruited from different schools in the local area. We are always looking out for new singers, actively recruiting children aged from 7 years upwards for our Junior Choir.

### What we do

The main role of the Junior Choir, often alongside the adult choir, is to lead the congregation when singing hymns and other parts of the service, and regularly performs items alone. The style of music performed is incredibly wide ranging from medieval music through to the present day.

### When we do it

To achieve a good standard and to ensure the choir sounds at its best, we have a regular pattern of rehearsals and activity. The general outline is currently as follows:

#### Sundays

10:15am rehearsal followed by Sung Eucharist at 11:00am ending at 12:15pm

Twice monthly the Junior Choir meet for a 30 minute rehearsal after the Sung Eucharist with a focus on developing their singing technique, theory and aural skills.

Extra rehearsals and services are sometimes planned, depending on events and seasons in the church's calendar.

### Training and Education

St John's offers musical training of a high standard – our Director of Music trained as a singer and organist at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama and the Royal College of Music in London, and is a highly-regarded singer, organist and choir-trainer. All senior staff, with responsibility for children and young adults at the church are DBS checked.

A Junior choir member initially enters the choir as a probationer and, after some training, will be made up to a full chorister when they will receive a white surplice. From this point on, there is a structured training scheme, which enables the chorister to develop further musically and vocally, picking up various awards along the way. Senior choristers will be paired as 'buddies' with junior choristers, so new choristers can feel included and supported from day one.

As well as singing, theory and musicianship, there are several associated skills which are developed through membership of the choir: self-control and self-discipline, concentration, teamwork and social awareness.

These skills can help children in their school work and social lives as well as in later life, through further and higher education and in the wider world.

### Social Scene

As well as singing together, choristers can expect to enjoy trips and activities including ten-pin bowling, the cinema and choir parties. Music based trips can include visits to other churches and cathedrals to sing services and to give recitals and concerts. There are also opportunities to join in with other activities for young people, including a weekly youth group and occasional events for the whole family.

### Money Matters

Choristers receive a small amount of choir pay at the end of each term. The amount received is based on attendance and seniority. There are separate fees for special services such as weddings.

### Thinking about joining us?

We welcome enquiries throughout the year. We are looking for children who are enthusiastic about music and who have an eagerness to learn. We don't expect you to come to us with a fantastic voice – that takes time and comes with practise, and the training we provide!

