



Parish of Esher music

Choral Scholarship Scheme

Soprano, Alto, Tenor &
Bass choral scholars

**Awards worth £1k pa offered for
sixth form and university singers.**

Flexible commitment, one Sunday service three times a month plus rehearsals starting from September 2022. See Parish website for details and how to apply. Applications considered upon receipt.

Parish of Esher, Christ Church, Esher with St George's, West End

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The Parish of Esher is launching a choral scholarship scheme to run alongside its two organ scholarships. We wish to appoint Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass choral scholars (ideally one per voice) to sing as part of its main parish choir of adult volunteers as well as independently. The scheme is particularly intended for young musicians of sixth form or university age, but we will consider applications from people at any stage in their musical careers.

The Choral Scholarships

The four choral scholarships form part of a new scheme to refresh and enhance our parish music set-up and is designed to give our parish choir greater strength in depth across all voices, allowing more flexibility with divisi repertoire and more secure cover when volunteer singers are absent. Each scholarship is worth up to £1k per year, payable in three £300 termly instalments in arrears, with a £100 bonus for undertaking premium commitments over the Christmas and Easter periods.

The choral scholars will be offered every opportunity to broaden their vocal experience, though regular singing with the full choir; solo parts in anthems; singing freestanding solo repertoire at appropriate points in worship services; first refusal on vocal input for wedding and funeral engagements; and the opportunity, if desired, to give a solo Music on the Green recital at Esher and a lunchtime recital in central London.

Each scholarship is initially awarded for a period of up to 12 months and may be renewed for appropriate further periods up to a normal maximum of three years.

Eligibility

The scholarships are primarily available to any full-time sixth form or university student (or student in a pre- or post-university gap year) who is living or studying within reasonable geographical reach of Esher and is able to play an active part in the musical life of the parish. Potential applicants who fall outside this definition will also be considered on their merits and are invited to discuss their interest informally with the Director of Music in the first instance.

Applicants will normally be expected to demonstrate two or more of the following:

- extensive existing experience in school or university choirs;
- a good pass in an approved singing exam (Grade 6+);
- Grade 5 music theory or higher;
- some proficiency on a keyboard, wind or string instrument and an interest in developing and using this, alongside their choral work, to enhance worship services.

Applications and enquiries

Expressions of interest, or requests for further information, should be made directly to the Parish Director of Music (Stuart Whatton, FRCO) who may be contacted via office@esherparish.org.uk/01372 462282.

Formal applications may be made to the email address above and should include a CV detailing musical experience to date, together with a covering letter.