



Parish Church Choir

What is the Parish Church Choir?

The Parish Church Choir sings on most Sunday mornings. As music in the church is taken quite seriously, the choir has an important part to play in worship. In recent years, it has grown in confidence and in numbers, and is able to provide two anthems at each service as well as supporting congregational singing of the communion setting and the hymns. The choir also sings at various special services throughout the year, such as the Christmas Carol Service at which the church is full.

Recently, the choir acquired new robes and is looking forward to another successful year which also sees the Junior Choir contributing more and more..

How much time is involved?

At present, the choir rehearses only on Sundays, at 09.15 for half an hour before each service, though there are additional practices for special services. This is just sufficient time to introduce some new music gradually and to prepare familiar music from the existing repertoire. This arrangement recognises that many people find it difficult, especially in Winter, to manage an evening rehearsal. We also wish to attract competent singers who may be reluctant to commit themselves too heavily. We maintain a flexible approach so that it is not essential for people to sing every single week.

The choir welcomes new members of any age, whether they are interested in a regular or occasional commitment. It's also helpful to know of singers who might not want to attend morning services but could be available for special occasions such as weddings, concerts or evening services.

Refreshers Sunday



*What is worthwhile or enjoyable
about this activity?*

The choir makes a significant contribution to the church's life. It maintains traditional Anglican worship for a congregation which appreciates well-chosen and well-sung music. There is ample scope within the liturgy for a great variety of music round the year. It is a very friendly and supportive group of people. There is scope for us to embark on more ambitious events in the near future.

*Are there any particular skills or abilities that are helpful for volunteers to
have?*

A fair degree of musical competence is naturally expected, but enthusiasm is most important!

Who should I contact to find out more or to become involved?

Please contact the choir's director, **Rupert Preston Bell**; 01892 547835.
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