

Saint Michael's Choral Scholarships 2019-20

Saint Michael & All Angels, Barnes, is delighted to announce that applications are open for up to four choral scholarships (SATB) to commence in September, or as soon thereafter as possible. We are particularly looking for young musicians, who may be studying at local schools and colleges.



Choral Scholars will be expected to join with our excellent volunteer choir for the majority of services on Sunday mornings during term time, occasional Sunday evening services and other feast days. They will be required to attend the rehearsals that immediately precede these services, and a certain proportion of Wednesday evening rehearsals, subject to discussion. The Choir is currently directed by Dr Martin Neary, former organist of Westminster Abbey and Winchester Cathedral, and Choral Scholars will also have the opportunity to take part in the Barnes Music Festival, if they wish.

Essential qualities include some experience in singing as part of a choir, an ability to read music, and a positive attitude to working with others. Preferred candidates will have good sight reading skills, experience of/interest in choral music and demonstrable enthusiasm for developing their musical skills.

The scholarship will last from Autumn 2019 to early July 2020 in the first instance, during which each scholar will receive up to £1000, payable in three instalments, with the possibility of extra fees from wedding and funeral services. The scholarship may be renewed for a second year by mutual agreement. The position may particularly suit GCSE or A-Level music students, and those interested in applying for university choral scholarships in the future. We welcome a diversity of applicants and St Michael's is a member of Inclusive Church. Full safeguarding procedures are in place for those below the age of 18.

To register interest and receive further particulars, please email Rachel Skilbeck in the Parish Office on admin@stmichaelbarnes.org and you will be sent an application form and further particulars. A shortlist of candidates will be expected to come to an audition shortly thereafter. For an informal conversation about the role please leave your contact details with the Parish Office and we will be in touch. We look forward to hearing from you.

