

Saint Michael's Choral Scholarships 2020-21

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



Choral Scholars join 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 attend the Sunday rehearsals that immediately precede these services, and a certain proportion of Wednesday evening rehearsals, subject to discussion. Choral Scholars may have the opportunity to take part in the Barnes Music Festival.

The Choir is directed by Dr Martin Neary, former organist at Westminster Abbey and Winchester Cathedral.

Essential qualities include some experience of singing as part of a choir, an ability to read music, and a positive attitude to working with others. Preferred candidates will have sight-reading skills, experience of/interest in choral music, and a strong desire to develop their musical abilities.

Assuming current Corona-virus restrictions are lifted in time, the scholarship will begin in Autumn 2020 (or as soon as possible thereafter) and finish in mid-July 2021. Scholars receive basic remuneration of £750 per annum, payable in three instalments, with the possibility of extra fees from wedding and funeral services, and a bonus of £250 for those who show particular commitment, at the discretion of the Director of Music. 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, but is not limited to music students. We welcome a diversity of applicants and Saint Michael's is a member of Inclusive Church. Safeguarding procedures are in place for those below the age of 18.

To register interest and request further particulars and an application form, please email the Parish Office on admin@stmichaelbarnes.org. A shortlist of candidates will be expected to come to an audition when it becomes possible or to take part in an online audition. For an informal initial 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.

