

SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS BARNES

Choral Scholarships 2021-22

Saint Michael & All Angels, Barnes, is delighted to announce that applications are open for up to three choral scholarships (ATB) 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 on other special days. They will be required to attend the rehearsals immediately before these services, and a certain proportion of Wednesday evening rehearsals, subject to discussion.

The Choir is currently directed by Dr Martin Neary, former organist and Master of Choristers of Westminster Abbey and Winchester Cathedral. Choral Scholars will also have the opportunity to take part in the Barnes Music Festival, if they wish.

Essential qualities include some experience of singing in 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 enthusiasm for developing their musical abilities.

2020-21 Soprano Scholar, Kilda Carpenter, says:

“Highlights for me have been exploring new music, developing my confidence in solo singing, and getting to know the friendly and welcoming choir”



Assuming corona-virus restrictions allow, the scholarship will last from Autumn 2021 until early July 2022, during which each scholar will receive up to £1000, payable in instalments at the end of each term, 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 would 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 Saint Michael's is a member of Inclusive Church and is fully accepting those who are LGBTQ+ and we actively encourage applicants from a diversity of ethnic, cultural and social backgrounds. Full safeguarding procedures are in place for those below the age of 18. If you would like to listen to our choral services, follow the links on our website (www.stmichaelbarnes.org) to the recordings on Facebook or YouTube.

To register interest and receive more details information along with an application form, please email Saint Michael's Parish Office at admin@stmichaelbarnes.org before the deadline of Friday 4th June.

Shortlisted 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!

