

Hear what Choir Parents say

- *The choir gave my son discipline as he was growing up and he looked forward to payday!*
- *I've always said that since he joined the choir, his school grades have been outstanding.*
- *My son made a great group of friends at choir and has been given amazing opportunities, including singing in Germany.*
- *He enjoys the boys' outings and the social aspect of choir. Me too as his parent!*
- *The choir develops a sense of commitment and working towards a shared goal and provides fun and social opportunities which my son loves.*
- *He clearly enjoys his time there and the company of the other boys and adults.*
- *Joining the choir was the best thing we did, he loves every minute of it!!*

Other Musical Opportunities

- Occasional visits to sing in Cathedrals, e.g. York Minster, Durham Cathedral.
- Occasional Concerts
- Subsidised places for boys to attend RSCM Residential Courses.
- Current Recordings include a CD of Christmas Carols, "Let all the world".
- Occasional Radio Broadcasts: The choir has been featured on Radio Humberside, including a broadcast of the Priory's Carol Service in December 2013. They have sung the Christmas Midnight Mass on Radio 4 and the World Service, and the Radio 4 Morning Service.



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Or come along to a rehearsal and see what we do.

The Choir of Bridlington Priory



Rector: Rev'd Matthew Pollard
Director of Music: Paul Dewhurst

Bridlington Priory Choir

One of only three all-boys choirs in the area, the long musical tradition of Bridlington Priory dates back to 1450 when a Choir School was established for the education of twelve boys. Today this living tradition is continued by a choir of boys and adults under the leadership of the Director of Music, Paul Dewhurst.

The benefits of being a chorister are well documented. Music stimulates the same areas of the brain used in numeracy and literacy. As a group activity, choral singing influences not only the mental but also the behavioural and emotional development of the child. Reading, social and organisational skills are enhanced through membership of a choir, and helps to explain the success that many choristers achieve educationally and in later life.

As part of the Priory Choir choristers receive a free musical education with tuition in the theory of music; specialist vocal coaching; sight singing training; the opportunity to gain awards and exams through the Royal School of Church Music; and the offer of subsidised instrumental tuition.



The best part of all is that it is all free. Indeed, choristers get paid a small amount from the Priory which increases as they work their way through the choir with its different levels and awards.

The choir has an active social life with regular outings for the boys and social activities for choir members and their families.

In addition, the chorister would have the unique opportunity of performing many of the great masterpieces of church music to a high standard in beautiful surroundings. .

If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact Paul Dewhurst on 01262 371258 or 07747 627269

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General Information

Practices:

- Mondays: 4.15 - 5.30 pm
- Fridays: 6.30 - 8.00 pm

Sunday Services:

- Mornings: 10.30 am (Practice 9.45)
- Evenings: 6.30 pm (Practice 5.45)

NB – From September 2021 Sunday commitments will alternate with the Girls' Choir meaning that choristers will normally only be required for Morning OR Evening service – not both.

Holidays:

- The choir is on holiday throughout August and for a period after Christmas and Easter.

Pay:

- For full choristers this ranges from £50 – £180 per year, depending on attendance, bonuses and experience.
- Weddings: Additional payments are made for weddings and occasional extra services.

Social Activities:

- *Choir Club*: This is held on the first Sunday of each month from 7.40 – 8.30pm in the Church Rooms. Games of football, table-tennis, snooker and unihoc are played & food and drinks are provided.
- *Choir Holiday*: This is usually the first week of the summer holidays. In July 2019 the choir stayed at Much Wenlock in Shropshire and in July 2018 we went on our seventh concert tour to Bad Salzflun, in northern Germany.
- *Outings*: There is usually one per term, e.g. in September 2019 the boys went to Flamingo Land Theme Park, Malton.
- Various *Social and Fundraising Events* for boys and parents are also included in the choir's programme throughout the year.