

## ST JAMES CHURCH AND ITS CHOIR

St James Church, designed by John Loughborough Pearson, was consecrated in 1848. There has always been a strong musical tradition which over the last 30 years has grown and developed. Being in the centre of the town, the Church is widely used for concerts and other community events.



The Choir enjoys an enviable reputation and leads the singing at the main 10.00 am Eucharist every Sunday morning. At present there are 50 members, and we try to keep the number of Choir members high to take the pressure off members being expected to attend every service, and it is for this reason we always seek to recruit new members.



## WHAT THE CHOIR DOES:

- Helps to lead worship
- Sings at the 10.00 am Sunday Eucharist and occasional Evensongs
- Sings at Civic services
- Performs at concerts; since 1992 the Choir has raised in excess of £100,000 for charity
- Sings at weddings – and gets paid for it!

## WE ALSO:

- Visit Cathedrals to sing Evensong
- Participate in the RSCM Guildford Area Choirs Festival at Guildford Cathedral
- Attend music workshops

## WHEN YOU JOIN OUR CHOIR YOU:

- Will become part of a team
- Share the enjoyment of singing and making music
- Make new friends
- Learn new skills which for Junior Choristers are helpful for the aural and theory skills involved in practical exams i.e. Associated Board

## AND WE ALSO HAVE FUN! THIS INCLUDES:

- An annual barbecue for all Choir members and their families
- Trips out for younger members (bowling is always very popular!)
- Performing in Parish entertainments



## A VOICE FOR LIFE:

This is the name of the training scheme run by the RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) which we participate in. Junior and Adult choristers are prepared for a series of medal tests. The scheme allows for the first medals to be tested internally and the bronze, silver and gold medals are tested externally by RSCM examiners. Training for Junior Choristers is on-going during Choir practice.

## JUNIOR CHOIR:

- The Junior Choir is for children aged 4+ who enjoy singing.
- We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month (except August) in the small hall of the Parish Centre for action songs, rounds, fun and refreshments
- 11.20 am – 12 noon
- The Junior Choir are encouraged to sing with the main Choir at the Family Service which is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.
- Have their own special polo shirts to wear

The Junior Choir is led by Sarah Burston, assisted by Elizabeth Drapper, David Kirkbride and Christine Best. All have CRB clearances.



## DETAILS:

### SUNDAY SERVICE:

10.00 am  
(The Choir warms up in the Church Hall from 9.40 am)

### WEDNESDAY PRACTICE TIMES:

Juniors	6.30 – 8.00 pm
Adults	7.30 – 9.00 pm

### OPEN PRACTICES:

There is an open invitation for anyone to come to our practices. Some of you may just want to listen; some of you may feel you would like to join in. Whatever you decide, you will be sure of a warm welcome. If you would like to join us, or for further information, or for a friendly chat, please contact:

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## THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JAMES, WEYBRIDGE

# THE CHURCH CHOIR



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