

St Mary's Choirs

St Mary's is the Church of England parish church for Ewell. There is a wide range of services every Sunday, children's activities, a recital programme, and many other events and activities through the year.

Further details of everything mentioned in this leaflet can be found on our website www.stmarysewell.com

The Parish Choir

We are continually recruiting singers from years 5 to 8, older students from year 9 to sixth form, plus undergraduates and recent graduates. Choristers and Choral and Organ scholars are paid, but we have adult volunteers too. Full training will be given, including singing lessons, theory lessons for beginners, progressing to grade 5 and beyond, preparation for music exam aural tests, sight reading, and sight-singing, workshops, performance opportunities, occasional tours, and the opportunity to learn a fantastic range of music. This free tuition is worth £1,200 a year compared with private tuition (30 lessons per year @£40 per lesson)



Could we help you? We provide **FREE training** for auditions, choral and organ scholarships to schools and universities with performance advice and preparation for ABRSM exams and music colleges. St. Mary's Director of Music, Jonathan Holmes MA (Oxon) BMus (Lond) FRCO ARCM PGCE has much teaching experience from KCS Wimbledon, Monmouth School, Cranleigh School and Emanuel School as well as an admirable track-record in helping students to achieve their full potential in the world of music. Coaching will take place at St Mary's during term time after school, or on Saturday at a mutually convenient time.

Choir practice is on Friday. For children up to year 8 this runs from 7pm until 8.15pm. For older students and adults this runs from 7.30pm until 9.30pm. On Sundays the choir sings at the 9.30am service in term time and about once a month for Choral Mattins at 11.15am and Choral Evensong at 5.30pm.

We also offer Choral and Organ Scholarships.

The Willis Organ is magnificent, being one of the best in Surrey. Choral Scholarships



are for outstandingly promising singers who can take a lead in the choir and have the confidence to sing solos. Scholars receive an enhanced payment. They often go on to study music at a high level. Recent leavers have won Scholarships to Durham, Manchester, Oxford and Cambridge. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Jonathan on 078250 41427 or 020 8393 5434 or email

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Which of our choirs will suit you best?

Adult Singer? Experienced singers always welcome in **The St Mary's Parish Choir**.

Adult Beginner? Why not give **The St Mary's Singers** a try? If you can sing a hymn you can be in St Mary's Singers. We meet twice a month to practise on Thursday evenings and sing at the Baptism services at 11.15am on Sundays about once a month. The St. Mary's Singers are a very friendly group and you'd be welcome to come along and see how you get on.



Please don't hesitate to get in touch. St Mary's is a very welcoming place and we hope to be of service in furthering the musical potential in our community of Epsom and Ewell.