



Truro Cathedral

CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2011-2012

Supplementary information to the 'Gap Year Choral Scholarships' leaflet

The Chapter wishes to appoint male Alto, Tenor and Bass Choral Scholars for one year, beginning in September 2011. These scholarships may, in exceptional circumstances, be renewed for a further year. The purpose of the scholarships is to give the holders experience and training in a full-time choral foundation. Applications are welcomed from pre- and post-university students. Truro Cathedral is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Criminal Records Bureau.

Choir duties

The pattern outlined below is the basis of the Choir's commitments. There are sometimes additional services, concerts, recordings and broadcasts which may fall on any day of the week.

Sunday

9.05am	Rehearsal
10.00am	Sung Eucharist (full choir)
3.30pm	Rehearsal
4.00pm	Evensong (full choir)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

4.15pm	Rehearsal for Choral Scholars
5.00pm	Full choir rehearsal
5.30pm	Evensong (full choir)
6.15-7.00pm	Men's rehearsal (Wednesday only)

Recent tours have taken members of the Choir to Spain, Germany, Austria, Italy and Switzerland. They will sing in the south of France in August 2011. As well as regular appearances on Radio 3's Choral Evensong programme, the Choir has recently sung live on BBC1 as well as recording for BBC1 and BBC2. The Choir's recordings have attracted generous praise from the critics in *Gramophone* and other journals. Recent projects have included discs of music by Benjamin Britten, Orlando Gibbons, Louis Vierne and Maurice Duruflé (this last recording was Howard Goodall's Desert Island Disc choice on Radio 4 last year).

Remuneration and terms of the scholarship

Choral Scholars for 2011/2012 will receive £2,100 per annum. Most Scholars live in a house provided rent-free by the Chapter. It is fully furnished and has a large inventory of kitchen equipment, iron and ironing board, vacuum cleaner etc. Water, Gas and Electricity bills are paid by the Chapter. The house is opposite the east end of the Cathedral. A £50 deposit is taken for the house, and a single £100 payment towards the cost of utilities. Free internet access is provided and we expect Scholars to maintain the same professional protocols with regard to use of the Cathedral's system as staff do. Details are included in the Staff Handbook in the Cathedral Office.

Many Scholars choose to supplement their income by working in pubs, restaurants and shops in the town. There may be opportunities for paid singing outreach work as part of the Cathedral's flourishing programme of work with schools and with Cornwall youth Choir but this will depend of Government funding.

The system of Choral Scholarships was started in September 1995. Of our scholars so far, many have gone on to top university scholarships (eg Magdalen and New College Oxford and St John's, King's and Trinity College Cambridge) and the best music colleges.

Opportunities at the Choir School

One scholar each year has the chance to live and work at the choir school, Polwhele House School. This carries with it further remuneration from the school. Please state in your application if you are interested in exploring this position. To comply with Polwhele House School's application procedure, you will need to bring three forms of identification (eg birth certificate, driving licence, recent bank statement) if interested.

How to apply

Auditions are usually arranged in November or December but interested candidates can contact the Director of Music at any time of year. You should include a CV and letter of application.

Please apply to

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giving the names of two people willing to act as referees. Please do not hesitate to telephone Christopher Gray for informal advice or further information about any aspects of the scholarships.