

## Visiting Choirs: General Information

### I Sung Services

Below are instructions to guide visiting choirs through specific services at Truro Cathedral.

The simplest pattern for a week in residence is to sing Evensong on weekdays (starting on Monday but not singing Thursday and / or Saturday), with a Sung Eucharist and Evensong on Sunday. The three instruction sheets needed for this would be **1a**, **2a** and **3a** below.

However, during the week, you will have to sing a Eucharist (instruction sheet **4**) if it is a class one or two feast day, or Solemn Evensong (instruction sheet **3b**) if it is the eve of a class one or two feast day.

Class one or two feast days which fall on a Sunday require a Solemn Eucharist (instruction sheet **1b**) and Solemn Evensong (instruction sheet **2b**).

You will be advised exactly what is required well in advance of your visit. Once the pattern of services has been decided, you can download the relevant instructions from the Services & Music page of the website.

- 1a 10 am Sunday Sung Eucharist**
- 1b 10 am Sunday Solemn Eucharist**
- 2a 4.00 pm Sunday Evensong**
- 2b 4.00 pm Sunday Solemn Evensong**
- 3a 5.30 pm Weekday and Saturday Evensong**
- 3b 5.30 pm Weekday and Saturday Solemn Evensong**
- 4 5.30 pm Weekday Solemn Eucharist**

#### Sundays

- **10.00 am Sung Eucharist** (Common Worship Order One)  
Music required: unaccompanied introit; Mass setting; communion motet; hymns and responsorial psalm.
- **4.00 pm Evensong** (Book of Common Prayer)  
Music required: Responses, Evening Canticles; an appropriate anthem; appointed hymns and psalm (to Anglican chant). Also, on Saints' days, a plainsong Magnificat antiphon.

## Weekdays and Saturdays

- **5.30 pm Evensong** (Book of Common Prayer)  
Music required: Responses, Evening Canticles; an appropriate anthem; the appointed psalm (to Anglican chant). Also, on the eve of saints' days, two hymns.

or

- **5.30 pm Solemn Eucharist** (Common Worship Order One)  
Music required: Mass setting; appointed hymns; plainsong propers.

It is essential that choirs cover both services on the Sunday of their visit. They are welcome to sing as many of the preceding days as possible. Most choirs sing on Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri and often Sat though this pattern is flexible, determined in part by the dates of feast days.

Music on Fridays must be unaccompanied and the organ is not used at all.

## **2 Choir rehearsal time**

There is a large room in the crypt which choirs are welcome to use as their base. It is available most of the time but singing cannot take place when there is an event in the Cathedral. The area is not open to the public and possessions can be left there at their owner's risk. The crypt has a piano.

The Cathedral is available for choirs to rehearse *in situ* from 4.30 until 5.15 pm on weekdays and Saturdays. On Sundays, rehearsal is possible in the Cathedral from 9.00 to 9.30 am and from 2.45 to 3.30 pm. It is important not to overrun these times as the bells are rung for half an hour before both services. The crypt is available all day on Sundays. One of the Cathedral's clergy will welcome you on your first day and will be on hand to guide you through our liturgy and processions during the week.

Visiting choirs should send a list of proposed rehearsal times, in the crypt and in the Cathedral, well before their visits.

## **3 Information for organists**

The duty verger will show you to the organ loft. There are instructions on the console with all the necessary information, including which pistons levels are available, registration guidelines for hymn playing and accompanying, and how to use our closed-circuit television.

Organists can generally practice between 8.30 and 10.00 am and again after 4.00 pm. Additional practice time can sometimes be booked in the Cathedral diary before your visit. We ask that organists practise loudly only when absolutely necessary (ideally early in the morning) in consideration of staff and visitors in the building.

See **Visiting Choirs: organ specification** for details of our fine Willis organ.

## **4 Accommodation**

The internet lists the most up-to-date information on hotels and guest house accommodation; [www.cornwalltouristboard.co.uk](http://www.cornwalltouristboard.co.uk) is a good site to start with though it is less helpful for communal places such as boarding schools.

We have had excellent feedback from visiting choirs about the following venues which are all within walking distance of the Cathedral:

- **Truro High School for Girls:** tel (01872) 272830; [www.trurohigh.co.uk](http://www.trurohigh.co.uk)
- **Epiphany House:** tel (01872) 272249; [www.truro.anglican.org/epiphany\\_house.htm](http://www.truro.anglican.org/epiphany_house.htm)
- **Truro School:** tel (01872) 272763; [www.truroschoo.com](http://www.truroschoo.com)

If you have suitable transport, you might also consider the following, though do check that you can manage with the distances involved:

- **Perranporth Youth Hostel** (which can be hired exclusively): tel (0870) 770 8868; [www.rentahotel.com/web/site/Hostels/EnglandWales/Perranporth.asp](http://www.rentahotel.com/web/site/Hostels/EnglandWales/Perranporth.asp) or [www.stilwell.co.uk/show\\_town.asp?Q=hostels|L4249052](http://www.stilwell.co.uk/show_town.asp?Q=hostels|L4249052)
- **Golant Youth Hostel:** 0870 770 5832; [www.stilwell.co.uk/show\\_town.asp?Q=hostels%7CL4135554](http://www.stilwell.co.uk/show_town.asp?Q=hostels%7CL4135554)

## 5 Parking

Parking is usually available in the Cathedral car park but a permit must be obtained when parking Monday to Friday, 9.30 am to 4.30 pm. During these times clamping is in operation. There is no clamping after 4.30 pm or at weekends.

If members of the choir need to park for rehearsals during the day, they can obtain a permit from the Cathedral Office. This permit must be displayed clearly. A note on your windscreen will not prevent you from being clamped. Clamping is carried out by an independent company and is necessary to ensure there are enough spaces for those who work at the Cathedral.

## 6 Toilets

There are toilet facilities in the crypt and also at the Chapter House entrance to the Cathedral. The latter are open to the public.

## 7 Contacts

If you would like to explore the possibility of bringing a visiting choir to Truro Cathedral, please contact the **Assistant Director of Music, Luke Bond:** <mailto:luke@trurocathedral.org.uk>. Once a booking is made, all correspondence will be with him until the choir arrives in Truro.

If you have any queries during your visit, please contact the **Precentor, Canon Perran Gay:** [perran@trurocathedral.org.uk](mailto:perran@trurocathedral.org.uk). If he is unavailable, any of the other Cathedral clergy will be happy to help.

The Cathedral Office is at 14 St Mary's St, Truro; tel: (01872) 276782; [info@trurocathedral.org.uk](mailto:info@trurocathedral.org.uk).