



The Church of St James the Greater, located in the centre of Leicester, is recognised as having one of the leading parish church choirs in the Midlands. The choir – and indeed the whole church – prides itself in continuing this 500 year-old tradition that is part of our nation’s cultural heritage.

In September 2007, the church embarked on a new venture with the formation of the

St James Girls’ Choir, thus adding to its established tradition.

A separate choir from that of the boys, the Girls’ Choir is open to girls between the ages of 7 and 14. They sing a variety of music, both sacred and secular, and above all the emphasis is on *fun!*

When does the Girls’ Choir sing?

There are rehearsals on Thursday evenings during term times, with services on certain Sundays throughout the year. The choir also performs concerts at the church. While there are additional services around Christmas and Easter, the choir holidays generally reflect those of schools.

What does the choir offer my daughter?

Singing at St James provides a wonderful musical education: Training is given by a team of professional musicians in all aspects of music and music theory; all the choristers are eligible to receive free singing lessons from a professional teacher, often leading to Associated Board exams.



All girls follow the Royal School of Church Music’s *Voice for Life* Training Scheme, in which they all receive a graded workbook and a medal indicating their achievement. The scheme deals with music theory, vocal technique and an understanding of the role of music within a church context.

There are also the associated skills that are learned by singing in a choir: the ability to concentrate for long periods; self-control and self-discipline; motivation; introduction to foreign languages and the understanding of great texts and great music. These are all things that will enhance a child’s overall academic achievement.

As well as enjoying a great musical education, choristers are paid at the end of each term for their attendance at services and rehearsals. The pay increases with experience and extra sums are paid for special services, such as singing at weddings. In addition, there are parties and days out during the year.

Does it matter which school my daughter attends?

No – Choristers are drawn from many different schools in the local area. The church maintains excellent relations with these schools, and head teachers are made aware of the choir’s activities.

How do we apply?

We are looking for girls between the ages of 7 and 14 who are keen to sing and eager to learn. There is no formal audition for the Girls Choir, but girls are encouraged to come along to rehearsals for a couple of weeks to try it out. We are sure that they will enjoy it and make lots of friends.

For more information on the choir, or if you know of a girl who might be interested, please contact the Director of Music.



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Could your daughter be a chorister?



The St James Girls' Choir

for girls aged 7 to 14