



St Laurence Church
Catford
London SE6 2TS

The Choir of St Laurence Catford

Choral Scholarship 2024-25

Choral scholarship for tenor and bass

The church of St Laurence Catford holds a strong and thriving choral tradition and looks to appoint two choral scholars including a bass and a tenor scholar, from September 2024 or as soon thereafter when an appointment is possible.

Each scholarship is worth a minimum of £1,200 per annum (payable termly) is available by short audition, to start in February, or as soon as possible thereafter. These scholarships are open to undergraduate or postgraduate students of any subject, or recent graduates wishing to develop their ensemble singing skills. The award is renewable annually, normally for a maximum of three years, but dependent on the recruitment needs of the choir.

Our talented and dynamic choir is made up of young people and adults from the congregation and the local community, and supports worship on a weekly basis. The choir provides an excellent space for exploring the joys of singing ensemble and to benefit from the guidance of our renowned musical director, Jocelyn Freeman. Traditionally our top line is covered by the junior choir of boys and girls with occasional support from our adult choir.

A wide repertoire spanning 500 years of the best of Anglican Music is sung, so good sight-reading skills are essential. There are musical visits, concerts and social events during the year. Choir practice is most Tuesday nights within term time, and the commitment includes these weekly rehearsals alongside Sunday mass, occasional concerts and evensongs, and a higher concentration of events around Easter and Christmas. Terms run up to these major liturgical festivals with sung Eucharist at 10am (c.40 weeks per year). The church has a close partnership with with charity SongEasel, and there would be opportunities for the successful candidates to gain additional work with concerts and events.

There are also opportunities to explore composition, choral direction, solo performances and educational/Amateur work alongside this position, and individual programmes will be devised following a short discussion with the Director of Music. We are in the process of developing our outreach programme and anticipate the Choral Scholars playing an integral part in this, supporting the expansion of our Junior choir with a mixture of chaperoning and administrative tasks, which will be appropriately and additionally remunerated.

If you would like to audition, please send your CV to the Director of Music, Jocelyn Freeman at stlaurencechoir@gmail.com, to apply.

The church is based on Bromley Road, less than 10 minutes walk from Catford and Catford Bridge Stations, and on many major bus routes. Further information about the church in general is available from the [St Laurence Church website](#).