



St Laurence Church  
Catford  
London SE6 2TS

# The Choir of St Laurence Catford

*Choral Scholarships 2021-22*

## **Choral scholarship for tenor or bass**

There is a strong and thriving choral tradition at this established church where a scholarship of £950 per annum (payable in three instalments) is available by short audition, to start in November, or as soon as possible thereafter. These scholarships are open to undergraduate or postgraduate students, 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 distribution of the alto, tenor and bass parts within the choir and our recruitment needs.

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 Cathedral visits, concerts and social events during the year. Practices are every Wednesday night from 6.00-7.15pm. The commitment includes weekly rehearsals, occasional concerts and evensongs, and most Sundays in term time, with 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).

There are also opportunities to explore composition, choral direction, solo performances and educational work alongside this position, and individual programmes will be devised following a short discussion with the Director of Music. As well as boasting a thriving musical tradition, St Laurence Church frequently hosts SongEasel performances, and will be part of the London Borough of Culture 2022 Festivities.

If you would like to audition, please contact the Director of Music, Jocelyn Freeman: [choir@stlaurencecatford.org.uk](mailto:choir@stlaurencecatford.org.uk)

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](#).