



Choral scholarship for Tenor or Bass

The church of St Laurence's, Catford is seeking to appoint a tenor or bass choral scholar from September 2026. The scholarship is open to undergraduate and postgraduate students, or recent graduates with relevant musical experience, wishing to develop their ensemble and solo singing skills. The scholarship is worth £1,500 per annum (payable termly). The award is renewable annually, normally for a maximum of three years.

The church has a long and distinguished tradition of choral and organ music. The SATB choir, including trebles, is experienced in a wide range of repertoire and is a member of RSCM, offering musical training for young choristers. Former choral and organ scholars have gone on to professional careers in music and performance. The choir is well supported and appreciated by the clergy and congregation. The church, a listed building from the 1960s, is a welcoming space with an excellent acoustic and well-designed choir stalls.

There is a sung Eucharist every Sunday morning, led by the choir, drawing on the rich Anglican tradition of mass settings, psalms and anthems. Experience of singing in a choir and good sight-reading skills are essential. Choir practice is Tuesday evenings in term time and the commitment includes these weekly rehearsals, alongside Sunday mass, occasional concerts and evensongs, with a higher concentration of events around Easter and Christmas.

There are opportunities to explore solo performances and choral direction and individual singing lessons: a programme will be devised for the successful choral scholar with the Director of Music. There are also occasional concerts, musical visits and social events during the year.

The church is located on Bromley Road, less than a 10 minute walk from Catford and Catford Bridge Stations, and on many major bus routes. Further information about is available from the St Laurence Church website <https://www.stlaurencecatford.org.uk/choir.html>.

If you are interested in the scholarship and would like to audition, please send your CV and accompanying letter to Liz Thussu – ethussu@gmail.com .