

Junior Choir for the Music and Merriment Concert

The Junior Choir is a regular and well-established feature of the big St Mary's Winkfield 'Music and Merriment' Christmas Concert on 7 December 2024, at 7:30pm.

We had a lot of fun at our last concert in 2023 – and we will do so again in 2024. To right is our Junior Choir of a few years ago.



Who can be in the Junior choir?

Any child - Y4 to Y7 is a guide – can join – no experience of music required – just keenness to sing with other children. Children will be trained in 5 rehearsals to be amazing! It is important that each singer should if possible be at every rehearsal, but we can cope if it is necessary to miss one. Rehearsals are on the four Sunday evenings before the Concert at 5:30-6:30pm. The dates are 10th November, 17th November, 24th November and 1st December. There will also be a morning rehearsal from 11am-12noon on the day of the Concert; at which we will do a final rehearsal before the concert.

What will the children do?

They start the concert by processing up a darkened church holding glowsticks, while singing the first 2 verses of 'Once in Royal David's City'.

Later in the first part of the concert, they perform three or four Christmassy pieces under the direction of William Bishop, with piano accompaniment.

In the second part of the concert, they sing a verse or two of an audience carol, all by themselves.

Rehearsals

William Bishop will take rehearsals, with the help of Anthony Hodson at the piano. Mr Hodson is the director of the Music and Merriment concert and will be able to advise parents about plans. Many parents like to stay to watch rehearsals, so we will always have several responsible adults present for safe-guarding purposes. Anthony is fully DBS accredited, and other responsible adults will be present.

The rehearsals will entail quite focussed work on singing and on the pieces, and children will benefit from singing at home between rehearsal to speed their learning.

The Choir Director?

William Bishop is the director of the Junior Choir, and is a practiced director of choirs, as an organ scholar at Holloway College. He will be playing the organ at St Mary's church regularly now.

What do you do next?

Sign up some simple details, have your child take part in rehearsals, and in the concert, and then sit back and enjoy what the children can do! Your child can join by your writing to Anthony Hodson, concert director (aeh@xdotd.co.uk, or text 07713 607 086). Or go to <https://fosmw.com> and there is an INFO link at the bottom of the page that will work.

Please see the next page for details.

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Joining the Choir

Parents, all we need is the following details of you and your child:

Your name:	
Your telephone number (optional)	
Your email address	
Your child(ren)'s full name(s):	
Age (date of birth), and school year: e.g.Y6	
Name of school:	
Any other information that we need to know	

See bottom of previous page for a text version of this information accessible on the web.

It is also useful for us to have a small photo of the child to help the Junior Choir director put names to faces, but this is strictly optional.

All information supplied is kept confidential, in line with the GDPR policies of the Friends of St Mary's Winkfield, which can be seen on their website <https://fosmw.com>.

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