

## **General information for prospective visiting choirs**

Visiting choirs are required to cover all three services if Sunday is included in the duration of their visit. Choirs are welcome to have one day off (please advise the office) though please be sensitive to feast days and the eves of feast days. Of course, some choirs prefer to sing every day. It is also acceptable for you to provide treble only or men only services during the week.

The Cathedral allows rehearsal time *in situ* for visiting choirs at various points throughout the day, subject to its busy round of services, events and visitor activities. Alternative arrangements are possible including the Chapter House and the Radford Room at Exeter Cathedral School (for choirs in residence at ECS – please see below)

Choral Evensong on Friday is traditionally unaccompanied, for which the organ is not used.

Suggestions for music should be sent to the Department of Liturgy and Music about six weeks before the choir's visit. This is important particularly during the summer period.

### Sundays

#### **0945 Sung Eucharist (Common Worship Order One)**

Music required: An Introit anthem which may be unaccompanied, Eucharistic/Mass setting; Gospel Acclamation (alleluia); Communion Anthem; 4 appointed hymns (advised by the Precentor). During Lent and Advent the Creed is sung to the setting by Merbecke and the alleluia is not used. The Cathedral can provide the music for the usual plainsong alleluia though we also have various choral settings. Please ask for details.

#### **1115 Choral Mattins (Book of Common Prayer, Page 4)**

Music required: Responses, Morning Canticles, 2 Hymns and Psalms (advised by the Precentor); an appropriate anthem

#### **1500 Choral Evensong (Book of Common Prayer, Page 19)**

Music required: Responses, Evening Canticles; an appropriate anthem, Hymn and Psalms (advised by the Precentor)

### Weekdays and Saturdays

#### **1730 Choral Evensong (1500 on Saturdays)**

Music required: Responses, Evening Canticles; an appropriate anthem; an appointed psalm (advised by the Precentor). On the Eve of a Saint's Day, an appointed office hymn. On Saturdays, one hymn at the end.

## On Saints Days

### **1730 Solemn Eucharist** (Common Worship Order One)

Music required: 3 or 4 appointed hymns (advised by the Precentor); Eucharistic/Mass setting. Gospel alleluia / acclamation (The Cathedral can provide the music for the usual plainsong alleluia though we also have various choral settings. Please ask for details.)

### **Accommodation**

Exeter Cathedral School offer accommodation to Visiting Choirs, subject to availability. Please contact Mrs Helen Grantham, School Bursar:

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