



Exeter
Cathedral

Be a Chorister for a Day

a taster day with the Exeter Cathedral Choristers
for children who love singing

Saturday 2nd December 2017
Exeter Cathedral

FREE, booking essential

Do you know a child who loves singing and would like to be a Cathedral Chorister for a day?



Exeter Cathedral is hosting a free Chorister open day on **Saturday 2nd December 2017**. This is open to boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 9 who enjoy singing. It is a great chance for young people to be encouraged and coached by professional musicians in an inspirational setting.

The children will have a great time with the current Choristers, rehearsing and then singing with them in the Cathedral. In addition they will have a special opportunity to take part in the annual Christingle Service. They will hear all about the Choristers' daily routine, radio and television broadcasts, recordings and tours, and have the opportunity to ask lots of questions.

No previous experience is required; all are welcome to attend this free day of discovery and information. There is an optional programme for parents so please do attend as much or as little of the day as you would like to.

More information about the event and how to book is available in this document.

Timothy Noon, Director of Music

About Exeter Cathedral Choir

There are 36 Choristers in Exeter Cathedral Choir, including a small number of Probationers (learner Choristers). They enjoy the most remarkable, fulfilling and rewarding musical training, alongside a broad and balanced all-round education at Exeter Cathedral School. For boys and girls who love singing a Choristership is a very special opportunity to develop all-round musical talent in the context of service in the Cathedral.



Our next “Be a Chorister for a Day” event takes place on **Saturday 2nd December 2017**

Programme for the day

- 11.15 Registration in the Cathedral
- 11.35 Welcome
- 11.45 Programme for children begins including a tour of the Cathedral and singing sessions with the music staff from Exeter Cathedral. Free time for parents until 13.45
- 13.00 Lunch for children at Exeter Cathedral School
- 13.45 Parents: Short talk in the Cathedral
Children: Activity - “Mark Making to Music”
- 14.15 Parents and Children: Tea and cake for in the Chapter House
- 14.45 Rehearsal in the Cathedral for the Christingle service (visiting children and Cathedral Choristers)
Visiting parents are welcome to watch from reserved seats in the Nave.
- 15.30 Refreshment break for visiting children and Cathedral Choristers
- 16.00 Christingle service begins
- c.17.15 At the end of the service all visiting children will receive a certificate before departing with their parents.

About the day

Be A Chorister for a Day offers children who love music the chance to sing in Exeter Cathedral with the current Choristers. **There is no charge to attend the event.** Parents are most welcome to for as little or as much of the day as you would like, and directions to the Cathedral can be found below.

How to apply

Application forms are available online from www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk, www.exetercs.org, or by email from Clare Sturdy (clare.sturdy@exeter-cathedral.org.uk). There is no charge to attend this event but **booking is essential** as places are limited.

Food and Drink

A light lunch will be served for children at Exeter Cathedral School and further drinks provided later in the day. Tea and cake will be provided in the afternoon for visiting parents. It would be helpful if you could indicate on the registration form how many will be attending for lunch, together with any dietary requirements.

If your child enjoys their day with us

Our next Voice Trials (choir auditions) for places in the Cathedral Choir and School will be held **on Tuesday 30th January 2018**. A member of Cathedral Clergy and the Headmaster of the Cathedral School will be in attendance at *Be a Chorister for a Day* and will be very happy to answer any questions you may have.



How to find us

By Car

Exeter is easily accessible via the M5, A30 and A38. Please use Park & Ride locations on the approaches to the city. City centre stops for these services are indicated on the map by the following colours.

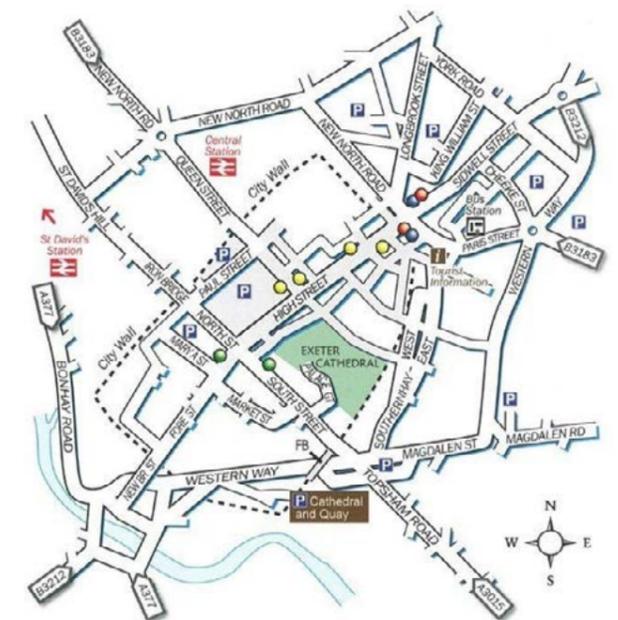
Honiton Road (M5 Jn29, A30E)
Sowton (M5 Jn30, A376, A3052)
Matford (A38W, A30W, A379)

There is no visitor parking at the Cathedral. For information about public car parks in the city please visit exeter.gov.uk/car-parking

Public Transport

Exeter has two main-line rail stations, Exeter Central and Exeter St David's. Exeter Central Station is a few minutes walk from the Cathedral, whilst Exeter St David's Station is further away.

Most local bus services stop in the centre of Exeter.



Choristerships and Exeter Cathedral School

● Exeter Cathedral School is an independent day and boarding Prep School for girls and boys, aged 2½ -13. Founded in the 12th century as a choir school, ECS now educates approximately 280 pupils. Thirty six of these are the boy and girl Choristers of Exeter Cathedral, who continue the centuries-old routine of leading the daily sung worship in the Cathedral.

Nowadays, we offer a fully-rounded Prep School education to pupils from a variety of backgrounds and with a range of talents and interests. We have an enviable location (right in the heart of the city and yet nestled safely in the lee of the Cathedral), small class sizes (allowing us to really know each and every pupil as an individual), a musical heritage which is second-to-none, a proven track record of securing places and scholarships to a range of leading senior schools, and a firm commitment to being a forward-thinking Prep School with traditional values.

Above all we are a school where **people** matter, and where staff and families work in partnership to help children acquire the right habits for life.

● Some Choristers, but not all, board at the School. A number of children board for perhaps one or two nights a week to help with travel arrangements. It is also great fun!

● The Headmaster is always pleased to welcome parents of potential Choristers and non-Choristers to the School. Children are warmly invited to spend a “taster day” with children of their age at any stage.

● **The Cathedral School is a fee-paying school.** All Choristers receive a basic Cathedral Scholarship currently to the value of 25% of the tuition fee together with free tuition on one instrument. There is the possibility of further financial support from the Dean and Chapter and a large number of trusts. In recent years no potential Chorister has been prevented from joining because of financial circumstances. A prospectus containing fee information can be obtained from the School Registrar, Lucy Lewis (admissions@exetercs.org 01392 422763), who will also be very pleased to answer any questions you may have. Additional information is also available on the School website: www.exetercs.org

● The Boy Choristers generally sing Evensong (17.30 – 18.15) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the Girls on Mondays, although this routine is subject to variation if there are special Services. Normally boys and girls alternate weekend duties (i.e. every other weekend is free). Choristers with a free weekend will usually sing Evensong on Friday.

● Cathedral Choristers have a very busy schedule. Their school day is exactly the same as for all children at the School, but there is a choir practice most days and the Choristers sing at evenings and weekends (see above). The Choristers sing up to and including Christmas Day and Easter Monday each year. Tours and concerts (in the UK and overseas) take place regularly.

● At the age of thirteen, pupils move on to a variety of leading senior schools. The School has a proven record of scholarship success to many senior schools. Cathedral Choristers are very well placed to gain music scholarships to their chosen destinations.

