

Young Choristers at St Andrew's

Do you enjoy singing?

Do you enjoy singing with others?

In St Andrew's church choir you have the almost unique opportunity in Bedford to enjoy singing with other children and adults. The choir sings in a service each Sunday and occasionally sings in weddings and concerts. There are also opportunities for the junior choir to sing on its own (eg Christmas). And, as if that is not exciting enough, choristers are also paid some pocket money each term and additional fees for special services such as weddings!



Practices are on **Fridays** at **7.00-8.00pm** (adults join in from 7.30). On **Sunday** there is a practice at **9.35am** with a service at **10.00** (except on the **first Sunday of the month** when there is a practice at **4.30**, Evensong at **6.00pm**).

VOICE
for **LIFE**

Children can join the choir from year 4 onwards and, once admitted, can begin on the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) **Voice for Life awards scheme** and start working towards a first medal. They will receive tuition in singing and all the other musical skills necessary to attain these awards. The RSCM offers local singing events, day and residential courses that we encourage our choristers to take advantage of.

Choristers will usually spend some of the Sunday services in children's groups in the Church Centre.

The choir maintains its high standard of performance through the dedication of its members, so choristers are strongly encouraged to attain a high level of attendance at both practices and services.

Looking to the future: a limited number of **Choral Scholarships** are available at St Andrew's for singers from school years 10-13. Choral Scholars audition annually for awards which pay for their professional vocal or instrumental tuition. On top of this they also receive choir pay.



So, if you are interested, please contact

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and we will arrange a simple, informal audition.

**So get in touch now and
get singing!**