



Who else looks after the Choristers?

The Reverend Cameron Mack, one of our Cathedral Clergy, is responsible for the pastoral care of our Choristers. He is the first point of contact for any pastoral concerns from choristers or their families.

Here in the Cathedral we also have a team of dedicated trained Chorister chaperones, present for each rehearsal, service, and concert/event. Parents are most welcome to be involved as a Chorister Chaperone, as it is a great way to be involved and observe.

How do we communicate with Chorister families?

Our main forums for communication are via email, and dedicated WhatsApp group. Each family is also added to the Cathedral's mailing list for occasional updates on the life, worship, and events of our Cathedral.



Does it cost anything to be a Chorister?

There is no cost to joining our choir as a Chorister, in fact, it is completely free! We aim to give every child the opportunity to be involved with us, regardless of their background.

Want to know more?

Our Organist and Master of Music, Mr Jack Wilson, is always delighted to hear from potential Choristers. Please contact jackwilson@belfastcathedral.org for more information.

Interested in joining?

If you have a child interested in becoming a Chorister here at Belfast Cathedral, please email the Organist and Master of Music, or get in contact with the Cathedral office at: admin@belfastcathedral.org to arrange an informal audition.



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What are the Cathedral Choristers?

Here at Belfast Cathedral, our Choristers consist of boys and girls aged 7 and over, drawn from schools and communities across our city. They sing regularly at Sunday services each month in term-time, playing an important role in the life and worship of our Cathedral family.

The Choristers are directed by Jack Wilson (Organist and Master of Music), one of Northern Ireland's leading choral trainers and young music specialists.



Who can join?

We are always happy to welcome new Choristers throughout the academic year, preferably joining at the beginning of term. All keen young musicians with a passion for singing are invited to join us, with no previous singing experience necessary.

A chorister does not need to be a member of the Church of Ireland, but we ask that Chorister families are sympathetic to the ethos of the Christian Church.

What are the benefits?

Choristers will benefit from the opportunity to:

- Benefit from free singing lessons
- Receive a free, first-class musical education, including opportunities to learn to play the piano and organ
- Develop lifelong skills, joining a warm and welcoming community and making new friends
- Be part of history by participating in a choral tradition that spans over 120 years in one of Northern Ireland's most iconic buildings
- Make music at events of national significance, including for television and radio broadcasts
- Enjoy funded social trips and excursions
- Receive a small token payment each year

What is the commitment involved?

The Choir rehearses each Thursday 4.00pm-6.15pm during term-time, including a short break with refreshments. Choristers will be expected to sing at two Sunday morning services each month, in addition to festive services at Christmas and Easter and special events.

What is the regular schedule?

Thursday (weekly)

2.45pm - 4.00pm

Choristers arrive after school. Refreshments, help with homework, and games provided

4.00pm - 5.00pm

1st part of rehearsal

5.00pm - 5.15pm

Break

5.15pm - 6.15pm

2nd part of rehearsal

Sunday (every two weeks)

For 11am service

9.40am

Arrive, robe and get music ready

9.50am

Rehearsal

11.00am - 12.15pm

Service



What do the Choristers do alongside learning to sing?

Choristers will be taught to read music, and understand music theory free of charge. They will complete awards throughout the year, built around the Royal School of Church Music's Voice for Life scheme, gaining certificates and medals throughout their time here as a Chorister.