

Support a Choral Scholar

Help preserve our choral tradition



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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Our choral tradition

St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh has the Anglican choral tradition at the heart of its daily rhythms of life – the only place in Scotland to do so. Amongst the first British Cathedral choirs to have boys and girls singing together, St Mary's choir can be recognised by its distinctive and bright sound. Singing two services on Sundays, weekday Evensong and additional services for the major Christian festivals, our choir is central to the worship and life of our Cathedral.

We are committed to supporting and nurturing the musicians of the future. To that end, we support young people (usually university students) on choral scholarships. They sing alongside our professional lay clerks, learning choral singing skills, extending their knowledge of the repertoire, developing as singers and musicians and immersing themselves in the experience of regular singing at the highest level.

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Angelic voices

St Mary's Cathedral Edinburgh, *'within seconds you are hooked... you are listening to a choir of humans who sing like angels...'*

The Times



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Supporting our scholars

In common with Cathedrals and churches in many places, we have been challenged financially by Covid 19. We are now planning ahead and looking towards rebuilding our choir. We would like to be in a position to support a number of choral scholars over the coming years. The cost per choral scholar is an average of £3,250 per year (dependent on seniority).

If you are in a position to offer support to a choral scholar, there are several ways you can help: a one-off donation; an annual donation; a quarterly or monthly donation. Your gift would be allocated to a named scholar and we would ensure that you were updated on their progress through the year. We will host a summer reception for supporters where there will be an opportunity to meet the choral scholars and lay clerks and to hear them sing. Supporters will also be given copies of the choir's internationally acclaimed CDs as a token of our thanks.

Please do consider whether you are able to offer support – you really could make a difference for a musically gifted young person.



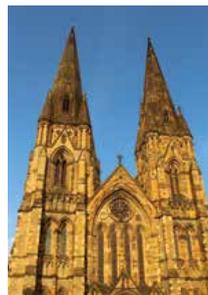
The best theologians are musicians. And Christianity is always better sung than said. To the extent that all religion exists to make raids into what is unsayable, the musicians penetrate further than most.

Giles Fraser

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