

Junior Choir for the Music and Merriment Concert

The Junior Choir is a regular and well-established feature of the big St Mary's Winkfield 'Music and Merriment' Christmas Concert on 2 December 2023, at 7:30pm.

We had a lot of fun at our last concert in 2022 – and we will do so in 2023. Here is the 2019 Junior choir – some familiar faces?



Who can be in the Junior choir?

Any child - Y4 to Y7 is a guide – can join – no experience of music required – just keenness to sing with other children.

Children will be trained by in 5 rehearsals to be amazing! It is important that each singer should if possible be at every rehearsal, but we can cope if it is

necessary to miss one. Rehearsals are November Sunday evenings 6-7pm, plus a morning rehearsal 11am-12noon on the day of the concert; that is: 5/11 5:30-6:30pm; 12/11 5:30-6:30pm; 19/11 5:30-6:30pm, 26/11 5:30-6:30pm and 2/12 11-12; concert 7:30pm. Note change of Sunday evening rehearsal times.

What will the children do?

They start the concert by processing up a darkened church holding glowsticks, while singing the first 2 verses of 'Once in Royal David's City'.

Later in the first part of the concert, they perform three Christmassy pieces under the direction of Lucy Head, with piano accompaniment.

In the second part of the concert, they sing two verses of an audience carol, 'I saw three ships' with piano and marimba accompaniment.

Rehearsals

Lucy Head will take rehearsals, with the help of Anthony Hodson at the piano. Mr Hodson is the director of the Music and Merriment concert and will be able to advise parents about plans. Many parents like to stay to watch rehearsals, so we will always have several responsible adults present for safe-guarding purposes. Lucy, the director of the choir is fully DBS accredited, and other responsible adults will be present.

The rehearsals will entail quite focussed work on singing and on the pieces, and children will benefit from singing at home between rehearsal to speed their learning.

The Choir Director?

Lucy Head is the director of the Junior Choir, as she was last year. Lucy is a professional musician and teaches brass instruments and the piano at a number of local schools. A one-time member of the National Youth Choir, Lucy is an active alumna of the choir: old members, including Lucy, perform to a very high standard from time to time as an adult choir in the Royal Albert Hall.

What do you do next?

Sign up some simple details, have your child take part in rehearsals, and in the concert, and then sit back and enjoy what the children can do! Your child can join by your writing to Anthony Hodson, concert director (aeh@xdotd.co.uk, or text 07712 607 086). Or go to <https://fosmw.com> and there is an INFO link at the bottom of the page that will work.

Joining the Choir

Parents, all we need is the following details of you and your child:

Your name:	
Your telephone number (optional)	
Your email address	
Your child(ren)'s full name(s):	
Age (date of birth), and school year: e.g.Y6	
Name of school:	
Any other information that we need to know	

It is also useful for us to have a small photo of the child to help putting names to faces, but this is strictly optional.

All information supplied is kept confidential, in line with the GDPR policies of the Friends of St Mary's Winkfield, which can be seen on their website <https://fosmw.com> .

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