

ENGLISH (C. of E.) CATHEDRALS' VOLUNTARY CHOIRS

Synopsis of Survey

Seventeen Cathedrals replied with details of their voluntary choir(s). Nine said they were interested in discussing the formation of a Federation of Voluntary Choirs,⁺ six said they might be interested^{??}, one was not interested⁻ & one failed to answer that particular question. All were interested in the survey results.

Cathedral	Choir Formed	Director and contact if different	Own Organist?	Make-up	Uniform	Cathedral Services'95	Events elsewhere'95	Affiliation/Exchange
Birmingham⁺ St. Philips Singers (There are also a Weekend & Girls Choir [no details] & The Wednesday Lunchtime Choir)	1980s	Rupert Jeffcoat Birmingham Cath. Colmore Row, Birmingham B32QB 0121 2364333 fax 0121 2120868	Scholar (Chris Stormont)	5B, 3T, 1Ct, 5A, 8S, 4Trb (ad hoc)	Blue Cassocks	6 evensongs 6 eucharists 2 Holy Week, Midnight (twice a month during term)		-
Bury St. Edmunds St. Edmundsbury Singers^{??+}	1987	Margaret Cousins (also singing tutor to CC trebles)	(Cathedral Staff) Mervyn Cousins, Scott Farrell	8A, 12S	Gowns (same colour as Cathedral Choir Cassocks)	18 evensongs, 2 Eucharists 1 wedding (structured pattern: Tuesday evensong per month Saturday " " term Sunday service w/men " " Whole Sunday " ")	2 evensongs 2 concerts	Cathedral choirs collectively RSCM Yes
St. Edmundsbury CC (the main choir is voluntary)	Old foundation but all male since 1985	Mervyn Cousins Cathedral Office, Abbey House, Angel Hill, Bury S.E. IP33 1LS 01284 754933 fax 01284 768655	Mervyn Cousins Scott Farrell & singing teacher etc.	6B, 3T, 4Ct, 21T + 5 probationers	Maroon Cassocks, surplices, ruffs (boys)	c100 evensongs, c20 matins, c60 eucharists, c10 weddings, c2 funerals, c10 other	c5 evensongs + tours abroad etc. c5 concerts	probably n/a for this choir
St. Edmundsbury Colts C	1988	Cathedral Staff	Cathedral Staff	29 trebles aged 6 - 11	sweatshirts colour as Cathedral Choir	10 Tuesdays evensongs (simple), 3 other specials	2 concerts	
St. Edmundsbury Youth C.	1988	Cathedral Staff	Cathedral Staff	5B, 5T, 4A, 3S, 2Trb	bigger sweatshirts!	4 evensongs, 2 others	1 concert	
Carlisle^{??+} Cath. Vol. Choir	Jan 1996	Jeremy Suter, 6 The Abbey, CA3 8TZ	Cathedral Organist	9B, 3T, 7A, 5S, 3Trb	None	n/a Will sing when CC unavailable	n/a	No Perhaps

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Coventry Chapter House Choir St. Michael's Chamber Choir Interdum Singers (Girls [1994] taking on more)		?Paul Leddington Wright 7 Priory Row, Coventry CV1 5ES Paul Isherwood		about 20 in their 20s inc. former choristers entrance by audition medium-sized		deputises (no details given) occasional services - usually Saturday evensong occasional services	own concerts + foreign trips concerts	
Derby CVC²⁺	1983	Tom Corfield Cathedral Office St. Michael's House, Queen St, DE1 3DT 01332 341201 fax 203991	No (Director is Cathedral Assistant Organist)	6B, 5T, 7A, 9S	Cassocks (different colour to Cathedral Choir)	10.45 Eucharist 1st Sundays Evensong on 3rd Sundays 12 evensongs, 13 eucharists, 1 concert	None	No Possibly
Exeter CVC⁺ (Also a Girls Choir)	1881 (ladies in 1971)	Paul Morgan (Ass. Organist) 40 Countess Wear Rd, Exeter EX2 6LR Margaret E. Williams, Secretary, 11 First Ave., Heavitree, Exeter EX1 2PH	Stephen Tanner (3rd Cathedral organist)	6B, 8T, 6A, 12S	Men - crimson cassocks, white surplices (as main choir) Ladies crimson cassocks with wide sash	Regulars: Advent Sunday 3pm, 1st Jan 6.30 pm + 6.30 pm evening prayer each Sunday bar Xmas Day. 52 evensongs, 7 matins, 10 eucharists, 1 funeral, 1 other	50th VE service at Buckfast Abbey	RSCM ?
Guildford⁺ Occasional Singers	1986	Martin Ham 8 Scillonian Rd, Guildford GU2 5PS	Yes - several	12B, 10T, 16A, 20S	women - white tops, black skirts men - dark lounge suits	deputises as required 1 evensong, 6 matins 7 eucharists, 1 wedding (a lighter year)	None - usually one Sunday at Southwark	No Yes
Leicester⁻ Summer Choir	1993	Jonathan Gregory, Leicester Cathedral, 1 St. Martin's East, LEICESTER LE1 5FX	No	8B, 7T, 10A, 10S	smart dress	Summer services & Christmas Midnight 8 evensongs, 8 eucharists, 1 other	None	No No