



St Edmundsbury Cathedral



Bury St Edmunds
County Upper

Cathedral Choral Scholar and School Musician in Residence

St Edmundsbury Cathedral is looking to appoint a choral scholar (ATB, male or female) for the academic year 2021-2022. The scholarship is suitable for graduate or gap-year students and offers the opportunity to work with and learn from the music department at an exciting time in the Cathedral's ministry and musical development.

Bury St Edmunds County Upper School is a highly regarded and inclusive secondary school. It has a strong tradition of musical and performing arts excellence with links with the Cathedral and wishes to appoint a Musician in Residence.

The joint award is initially for one year, though it may be extended depending on individual circumstances. The scholarship provides an excellent opportunity to become part of the strong community in the vibrant cathedral and market town of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

St Edmundsbury Cathedral Music Department

Canon Precentor:	Philip Banks
Director of Music (from May 2021)	Tim Parsons
Assistant Director of Music:	Richard Cook
Freelance Music Advisor:	William Saunders
Organ Scholar:	Elli-Mae McGlone
Music and Liturgy Administrator:	Naomi Sturges

The Cathedral Choir consists of Boy and Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks (Lower Voices) and Choral Scholars.

The boys, girls and Lay Clerks provide the music at the majority of Cathedral services. Boys and girls attend a variety of schools across Bury St Edmunds.

The St Edmundsbury Singers is a ladies' choir. They rehearse and perform every other week, sing at special services and events throughout the year and occasionally go on tour.

The Children's Choir is a mixed choir for 7-11 year olds with the emphasis on having lots of fun!

The Youth Choir is a group comprising mainly former choristers. They sing evensong four times per term, and participate in special services and events throughout the year.

Duties at the Cathedral

The Cathedral's Music Department aims to enable the Choral Scholar to gain experience of singing at all the choral services at which the Cathedral Choir is required to participate. It offers the opportunity to:

- Participate in music making of a high standard.
- Gain experience in singing a broad range of repertoire.
- Assist with chorister voice and musicianship training.
- Assist the music staff with the music library and with any other tasks that may be deemed reasonable.

There are occasional services on Saturday afternoons (Ordinations, Bishop's Chorister Awards service, Diocesan Choirs' Festival), for which plenty of notice will be given. Occasional events such as concerts, tours, recordings and broadcasts are similarly advertised well in advance.

Bury St Edmunds County Upper School Music Department

The subject is very strong at this well-renowned 13-18 upper school which has an enviable reputation for the Arts. It was selected by the BBC for a national feature last autumn because of its support for, and programme of, Arts education at a time of decline across the country.

We have strong links with the County Music Service whose Western Area Hub is based within our school and we train music teachers from a variety of ITT providers. Our school is part of an all-through trust with two middle schools and a primary. We provide support and additional musical experiences to these pupils and there is an annual trust performance at The Apex.

The music department runs a rich extra-curricular programme of ensembles and activities. Our Chamber Choir is highly regarded and, like many of our ensembles, performs widely by request. It was selected to perform a specially-composed piece at the Britten Centenary Concert in Snape Maltings which was broadcast around the world. Recent music tours have included Venice and Suffolk, Virginia, USA.

Duties at Bury St Edmunds County Upper School

- Direct our Chamber Choir.
- Work alongside the music team rehearsing our other choirs.
- Act as a vocal specialist – especially for examination recitals.
- Other duties may include supporting/accompanying ABRSM students with examinations, Grade 5 theory and conducting/accompanying/playing in other musical ensembles in the school.

Remuneration

Alongside an honorarium of £6000 to £8000, the choral scholar is provided with accommodation (with a minimal charge to cover the cost of utilities such as gas/electricity/broadband) within walking distance of the Cathedral. Vocal tuition will be provided by the Cathedral's Singing Teacher. Conducting tuition will also be available. There are also opportunities to sing for extra services, for which a fee is payable.

Safeguarding

The appointed candidate will need to have an enhanced DBS check (including barred list check) before commencing work.

Safeguarding training will be provided.

The appointed candidate will be required to adhere to the Safeguarding Policy and all other Policies of the cathedral and school when working.

How to apply:

Potential applicants are welcome to contact the cathedral or school by email or to have a telephone conversation about the post. Please contact Naomi Sturges (St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Music and Liturgy Administrator) and/or Rebekah Green (Bury St Edmunds County Upper School, Director of Music) as follows:

Naomi Sturges: St Edmundsbury Cathedral – Music and Liturgy Administrator
01284 748720 liturgy.admin@stedscathedral.org

Rebekah Green: Bury St Edmunds County Upper School – Director of Music
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Shortlisted candidates will be asked to submit video recordings of themselves performing three contrasting pieces – one of which must be unaccompanied – as well as a list of choral repertoire they have recently performed. The process will also involve a formal interview via Zoom with both St Edmundsbury Cathedral and Bury St Edmunds County Upper School.

Closing date: Midnight, Sunday 28 February 2021

Interview: Week commencing Monday 15 March 2021

Please apply, using the Cathedral's Application Form, to:

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