Please help us support the Cathedral Choristers and the Cathedral Choir

The St Edmundsbury Cathedral Choir works to the highest standards to provide music for the Cathedral’s services. The choristers’ commitment averages around 13 hours per week and includes three mornings before school. There is no Cathedral choir school and the boys attend many different schools, some travelling considerable distances each day to attend practice.

The choristers are very dedicated and show tremendous commitment, often at the expense of other interests and in addition to their school activities. The Lay Clerks are all volunteers and sing four or more services each week. The FOCC’s primary objective is to raise funds to support activities that augment the choristers’ music education and provide special experiences for the choir, such as tours, recordings, concerts and visits.

Membership of the FOCC is open to all and is one way in which members of the Cathedral Community and the public at large can support the choir and the wonderful provision of music that is an integral part of Cathedral life.

**Friends of the Cathedral Choir (FOCC)**

FOCC is an independent charity established with the objectives of

- Supporting the education and training of the Cathedral choir
- Assisting with the funding of choir tours, recordings and special events
- Promoting the art of choral music

**WHAT FOCC DOES**

- FOCC’s primary focus is fundraising to support the choir and this is achieved through a broad and innovative range of initiatives
- We organise a wide variety of fun and social events for the choristers, cathedral community and general public
- We promote awareness of the Cathedral Choir

**BECOMING A FRIEND**

- Please join us and help support the Cathedral Choir and the musical life of the cathedral
- Fill in the application form opposite for membership or making a donation and return to us
- Please complete the Gift Aid declaration as this can enhance your membership donation by 25%
- If you are able to complete a Bank Standing Order this saves us time and expense on administration

**500 Club**

The FOCC 500 Club is another way of supporting the Friends of the Cathedral Choir. Each number costs the member £2 per month and there are three cash prizes offered in the monthly draw. If you are a winner you can opt to receive a cheque or you can choose to donate the prize to a charity of your choice.

- To join the 500 Club please complete the form on the back page.

**THANK YOU**

**FOR YOUR SUPPORT**
APPLICATION FORM

I wish to become:

- an Individual Friend (minimum £10 per annum) ..................
- a Joint/Family Friend (minimum £15 per annum) ..............
- a Life Friend (minimum £150) ........................................
- a Corporate Friend (minimum £75 per annum) ..............

OR

I wish to make a donation ........................................

BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE

MR, MRS, Other ......................................................................

Name .......................................................................................

Address ..................................................................................

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Telephone ................................................................................

Email .......................................................................................

I would like to pay by Bank Standing Order (see opposite) ....

OR

I enclose a cheque made payable to

FOCC for ..............................................................

Signature ................................................... Date ........................

GIFT AID DECLARATION

Please complete this declaration by ticking the appropriate box

I am not a UK taxpayer ....................................................

OR

I would like Friends of St Edmundsbury Cathedral Choir to reclaim tax on all my donations until further notice. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that I must pay an amount of income or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax deducted from my donation ....................................

Signature of donor ..............................................................

Date .....................................................................................

BANK STANDING ORDER

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To ............................................................. Bank

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Bank Address ............................................................

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From MR, MRS, Other ........................................................

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Please pay to:

Lloyds Bank plc, 28/34 Risbygate Street, Bury St Edmunds

Sort Code: 30-91-49  Account Number: 01274924

Account Name: Friends of St Edmundsbury Cathedral Choir

The sum of £ .............................................................. (date)

and every year on same date until further notice.

My Account No: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

My Bank Sort Code: _ _ / _ _ / _ _

Signed ..............................................................................

Date .....................................................................................

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) ......................................................

Please send your completed form to:

FOCC, The Cathedral Office, Abbey House,

Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 1LS

Charity No: 1146575