

# St Edmundsbury Cathedral



## **The Admission of Head Chorister, Deputy Head Chorister, Morden College Chorister and Full Choristers**

*Following the first lesson, the choir stands while the congregation remains seated.  
The Dean, Canon Precentor, installation candidates and Director of Music make their way to the Sanctuary.*

*The Canon Precentor says*

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. [Colossians 3.6]

Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything. [Plato]

O sing unto the Lord a new song:

**All let the congregation of saints praise him.**

O praise God in his holiness:

**All let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.**

*Addressing the Canon Precentor, the Director of Music says*

Reverend Sir, I present to you **William** to be made Head Chorister, **Joe** to be made Deputy Head Chorister, **Samarth** to be made Morden College Chorister and **Dylan, Liam** and **Robbie** to be installed as full Choristers of this Cathedral Church. I have found them fitting, attentive and musically able for these positions, and I ask you to admit and to bless them in the presence of the Cathedral community.

Precentor I thank you for your presentation.

*The Canon Precentor says to the **Probationers to be installed as Choristers***

Precentor **Dylan, Liam** and **Robbie**, do you believe, so far as you know your own heart, that God has called you to serve as Choristers in this Cathedral Church?

Reply **We do.**

Precentor Will you play your part in the mission and ministry of this Cathedral Church, as we seek to serve our Cathedral community, town and county of Suffolk?

Reply **With the help of God we will.**

*The Canon Precentor says to the **Choristers to be made Head, Deputy Head and Morden College Choristers***

Precentor **William, Joe and Samarth**, you are entrusted today with positions of honour, leadership and authority in the Cathedral Choir. You are to set an example to others in your conduct, and to give of your best in the worship of this place. Will you accept these new responsibilities?

Candidates **Yes, I will.**

*Addressing the Cathedral musicians and community, the Precentor says:*

Will you support and uphold these Choristers in their ministry here?

**All We will.**

Precentor Will you pray for them and encourage them?

**All We will.**

*Addressing the Dean, the Canon Precentor says*

Mr Dean, I invite you to install and bless **William, Joe, Samarth, Dylan, Liam and Robbie** in their role as Head Chorister, Deputy Head Chorister, Morden College Chorister and full Choristers in this, our Cathedral Church.

*The new Choristers are vested in a surplice and the Dean says to all of them:*

**William, Joe, Samarth, Dylan, Liam and Robbie**, I now admit you as *Head/Deputy Head/Morden College/Full Chorister/s* in this Cathedral Church. Seek what is good and true. Be kind and helpful to others. May the Lord grant you the joy of true service and the wisdom and strength to fulfil it, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Canon Precentor congratulates the choristers and gives out the appropriate medals.*

*They then remain in front of the Dean, who blesses them.*

*The newly appointed Choristers return to their places.*

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