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## Choral Scholarships at St Mary, Newington

**Deadline: 5pm, Monday, 14th October 2024**



### **Choral Scholarships at St Mary, Newington (Kennington)**

The church of St Mary, Newington (Kennington) is looking to appoint **four choral scholars** – soprano, alto, tenor and bass – for the 2024-25 academic year (October 2024 to July 2025).

St Mary's scholars will be at the heart of the church's new musical engagement programme, singing as a solo quartet **twice monthly** at morning services during term time, on Ash Wednesday, during Holy Week, and alongside our newly formed children's and community choirs at December's carol service.

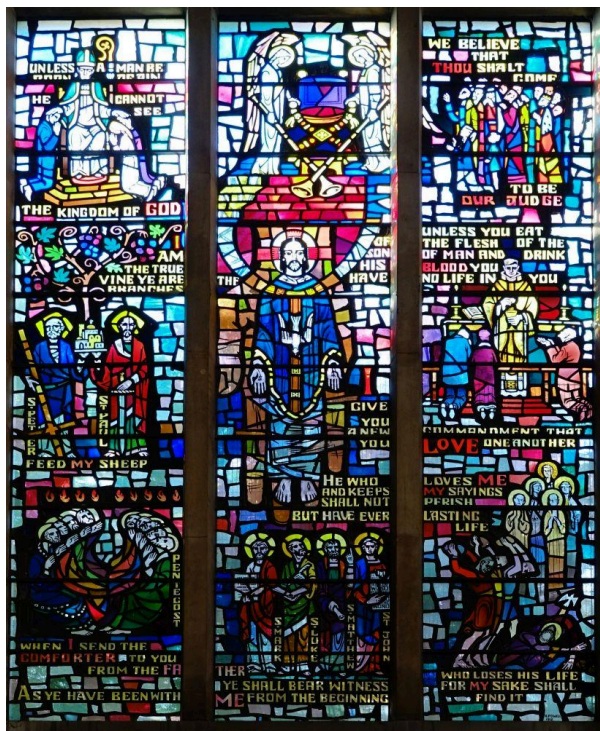
An honorarium of **£1,000 per annum** (made payable as regular instalments) will be available to each singer. Scholarships will be awarded for one year in the first instance, with the opportunity available for renewal.

## Schedule

St Mary's scholars will sing at Sunday mass twice a month (10:00am service, with a 9:15am rehearsal). A post-mass rehearsal will be scheduled on one of these Sundays to prepare for the following month's music.

Scholars are additionally required for Ash Wednesday, two services during Holy Week, and at our carol service on 15th December.

In total, these commitments will amount to 24 services. A small proportion of services may be depped out to our pool of deputies, in consultation with the Director of Music. There is no choral service scheduled on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.



## Choral Scholarships at St Mary's

For the most part, the Choral Scholars will perform as a solo quartet, conducted by the Director of Music, Dr Edwin Hillier. A diverse range of sacred music (introits, motets, psalms, and occasional four-part mass settings), from a range of epochs, is set to be programmed over the course of the year, with opportunities arising for solo performance.

On occasion, the scholars will join forces with our community and children's choirs, and additional work may be available for any scholars interested in developing their outreach and workshop leading skills.

## Who we're looking for

Our scholarships are open to all singers, but it's envisaged that the posts may appeal to both undergraduates and postgraduates (at university or conservatoire), and to recent graduates or young professionals, seeking to develop their ensemble and solo singing.

We're particularly looking for singers who are confident sight-readers, experienced in carrying their own line in more complex, polyphonic repertoire, and team players who would relish the chance to enrich our ambitious new choral programme.



Ideally, the scholars will become a close-knit and friendly group who are committed to growing together musically. It is also important to us that scholars demonstrate a willingness to integrate into the community at St Mary's by staying for post-mass refreshments on occasion, and getting to know people. St Mary's is a welcoming, diverse and inclusive congregation, with a mix of age, ethnicity, race, sexuality and gender identity. It is important to us that singers are supportive of our inclusive and friendly ethos.

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### How to apply

To apply for a choral scholarship at St Mary's, please email a CV and cover letter to the Director of Music, Dr Edwin Hillier [newingtonmusic@outlook.com](mailto:newingtonmusic@outlook.com) by **5pm on Monday, 14th October 2024**.

Please be aware that we will be auditioning candidates on a rolling basis – as and when applications are received – and applications may close early should the right candidates be sourced. As such, please apply at your earliest convenience.



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