

Y.E.S!

YOUNG ETH'S SINGERS!

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Patron: Lady Salisbury

Dear singers, parents, and friends,

Welcome to our 35th Newsletter for **Y.E.S!**

After meeting with Fr. Darren and studying the guidelines for a safe return to singing in churches, we have decided to take the first carefully considered steps to bringing **Y.E.S!** back to rehearse and sing in church. It will feel very different, we understand that, but within these guidelines, we are hoping to recapture some of the joy of singing together in church that has made **Y.E.S!** such an inspirational group of young singers.

We will be continuing with our vocal training and learning music for an **All-Age service on 22nd November and a Family Carol Service on 19th December**. If it is safe to do so, it may be possible to arrange some ribbon training sessions for small groups, but we will review this in November. Jill will arrange individual sessions for Dean's and Bishop's Chorister training.

Please read the following instructions very carefully, and **if you feel you are willing for your child to return to singing in church under these conditions, please let Jill know immediately**. We are sorry that numbers have to be limited and planned for, and we cannot allow people just to turn up or not on the day.

- A chorister can only attend the rehearsals if a parent has informed the Director of Music that they wish to return by half-term. Commitment is essential please.
- Please arrive promptly, but no earlier than 5.55pm. Once we know the numbers involved, some of you may be asked to enter through a different door.
- Parents will not be allowed into the building for rehearsals, only for services.
- Choristers should sanitise their hands on entering church and wait to be shown their allocated seat.
- Choristers must stay in that seat and not sit in any of the pews or move around the church unless asked to do so. There must be no running in the church.
- Choristers will have a folder for music. Music cannot be shared and must be left in a box at the end of the rehearsal.
- There will be no toilet facilities available.
- There will be no refreshments provided. A chorister should bring his/her own water bottle if required.
- Parents must collect choristers promptly at 6.40pm from the same door through which they entered the church.
- **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN A CHORISTER ATTEND A REHEARSAL IF HE/SHE FEELS UNWELL, OR IF THEY OR A MEMBER OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 AND/OR IS IN QUARANTINE.**

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and commitment through these challenging times for us all. Please check the calendar for details of rehearsals and services.

CALENDAR –through to December

Please look carefully at our calendar and note all the dates/times to your diaries.

*If your child is fortunate to have a place in **Y.E.S!** please commit to the team as we work together in the service of God and each other. Choral Scholars are welcome to attend both the **Y.E.S!** and adult rehearsals if they wish, but please let the Director of Music know of your intentions.*

Wednesday 7 th October	Zoom Y.E.S! Rehearsal 6pm-6.40pm
Wednesday 14 th October	Zoom Y.E.S! Rehearsal 6pm-6.40pm
Wednesday 21 st October	Zoom Y.E.S! Rehearsal 6pm-6.40pm
Wednesday 28 th October	NO Y.E.S! Rehearsal – half-term break
Wednesday 4 th November	Y.E.S! Rehearsal in church 6pm-6.40pm
Wednesday 11 th November	Y.E.S! Rehearsal in church 6pm-6.40pm
Wednesday 18 th November	Y.E.S! Rehearsal in church 6pm-6.40pm
Sunday 22 nd November	St. Eth's All-Age Eucharist 9.30am - arrive by 9am
Wednesday 25 th November	Y.E.S! Rehearsal in church 6pm-6.40pm
Sunday 29 th November	Advent Carol Service 6pm – rehearsal 4.30pm <i>Choral Scholars only if attended adult rehearsals</i>
Wednesday 2 nd December	Y.E.S! Rehearsal in church 6pm-6.40pm
Wednesday 9 th December	Y.E.S! Rehearsal in church 6pm-6.40pm
Wednesday 16 th December	Y.E.S! Rehearsal in church 6pm-6.40pm
Saturday 19 th December	Family Carol Service with Y.E.S! St. Eth's 4pm – Rehearsal 3pm PROMPT
Sunday 20 th December	Nine Lessons and Carols Service 6pm- rehearsal 4.30pm <i>Choral Scholars only if attended adult rehearsals</i>

The Choristers' Prayer

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple.

***Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts
and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.***

Amen.

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