



ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH

Starting in September, and spearheaded by our newly appointed Director of Music, Jeremy Filsell and Associate, Rebecca Kellerman, a renewed chorister program will be instituted at St. Alban's Church. Utilizing the RSCM's (The Royal School of Music) highly respected VOICE for LIFE program as a pathway for training and spiritual development of young choral singers, the new program will allow the acquisition of vocal skills, musical understanding, and knowledge of repertoire for children in a sacred context. The development of children's choirs is part of a spiritual-educational process; when children sing Scripture, they remember it for a lifetime. As children sing, reflecting on the message the music communicates instills an understanding of spiritual truths and awareness of God. At each rehearsal and service, the relationship between what a chorister learns musically is allied intentionally to Christian Formation. The structured guide to vocal training in VOICE for LIFE is based on five graded targets.

We will sing and give instruction outside school time hours and we will hope to have attendance on a weekly basis. Choristers will be rewarded with progress, achievement and financial remuneration. There is no restriction on schools - interested children are welcome from any school. Registration for the choirs will be available in early September.

We will structure the program as follows:

Choral Scholars [Girls & Boys Grades 8th-12th Grades]: Thursday rehearsal 5:30-6:30 p.m., refreshments 6:30-7:00 p.m., and rehearsal 7:00-8:00 p.m. Rehearsal with the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Choir.

The St. Alban's Boy Choir [for 2nd (age 7) through 7th (age 13) Grade boys] with periodic participation at the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday mornings. It is anticipated that The St. Alban's Boy Choir will join with the Cathedral choristers in Evensong services from time to time. Thursday evenings 4:00-5:15 p.m. (with 15-minute break for snacks).

The St. Alban's Girl Choir [for 2nd (age 7) through 7th (age 13) Grade girls] with periodic participation at the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday mornings. It is anticipated that the St. Alban's Girl Choir will join with the Cathedral choristers in Evensong services from time to time. Thursday evenings 4:00-5:15 p.m. (with 15-minute break for snacks).

Registration will be open in August and the program will begin on September 13, 2018.



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