

# Faith and Music Choral Scholarships

SEPTEMBER 2026 - JULY 2027



St Giles  
IN THE FIELDS

# Welcome to London

St Giles-in-the-Fields is a historic Anglican parish church in the West End of London, within the Diocese of London. Founded in the early 12<sup>th</sup> century as the chapel of a leper hospital established by Matilda of Scotland, the church has served its surrounding community for over 900 years. The present building, dating from 1731-33 and designed by Henry Flitcroft, is a fine example of Palladian architecture.

Today the church is home to a community of faithful people who are shaped by the Book of Common Prayer and King James Bible, our worship is enhanced by a strong musical tradition. Outside of worship the church hosts a number of activities which draw in a range of people from across the city.

We understand church music to be a particular form of vocation which plays a central role in our worship and wish to support music within the life of the church. As such, we are committed to maintaining the highest standards of musical excellence and nurturing the next generation of church musicians. St Giles is delighted to provide opportunities for advanced early-career singers to contribute to the exciting and high-level musical life of the church and to develop their musical talents, career ambitions and deepen their faith.

To this end, we are offering ten choral scholarships to singers who are both musically accomplished and deeply committed to the life and mission of the Church. These scholarships are intended for those who sing to a high standard, who are passionate about the choral tradition, and who feel called to express their faith through music.





# ROLE OVERVIEW

*To work under the direction of our Director of Music, Jonathan Bunney FRCO and alongside the Rector to advance excellent music to enhance the worship of the parish.*

## Specific duties

- Rehearse at 10am on Sunday for the 11am Holy Communion service. The music is taken from part of a mass setting which changes weekly (Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei). Gospel acclamations, Creed and Gloria are congregational (Merbecke/ Anglican folk mass). An anthem is sung during Holy Communion.
- Rehearse at 5pm for a monthly 6.30pm evening service (not in August). This is a joint service with the Evensong Choir and is preceded by refreshments in the Vestry House.
- There are other Holy Days which require the presence of the scholars. Notably these include: Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Ascension Day. These days are included within the scholarship programme. There may be other opportunities to sing for occasional services (weddings, funerals, memorials and other services) and on these occasions an extra fee of £100 per service will be offered.

# Essential Skills and Qualities

- A passion for Church music and an interest in the Christian faith
- Excellent vocal ability and secure musicianship
- Strong sight-reading skills
- Some previous singing in a church, chapel or chamber choir
- Reliability, punctuality and professionalism
- Ability to blend well and lead confidently when necessary
- Comfortable singing occasional solo passages
- A supportive attitude towards singers of all levels
- DBS check required (we will assist in this process)

# THE SCHOLARSHIP

- £2,000 per year, paid quarterly
- Annual Scholars dinner
- Three-month probation period
- Additional fees for occasional services, weddings and funerals
- Expected commitment to Sunday mornings and agreed festivals
- Eight Sundays off per year (Four in August, the others by arrangement with the Director of Music).
- Initial appointment from September 2026 - July 2027, with the potential to renew the scholarship for an additional 12 months.

## How to apply

- Write a one page covering letter outlining your experience and reasons for applying
- Fill out the information sheet (available at [stgilesonline.org](http://stgilesonline.org))
- Provide two references, one specific to your musical ability another with reference to your character
- Send your application to: [rector@stgilesonline.org](mailto:rector@stgilesonline.org) or post to The Vestry House, St Giles in the Fields, 60 St Giles High Street, London, WC2H8LG
- Deadline for applications 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Interviews Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> July
- If you would like an informal conversation please email: [rector@stgilesonline.org](mailto:rector@stgilesonline.org)