

The Choir

Choir at the Cathedral Church of All Saints (CCAS) has been a major leader in worship at the Cathedral from its beginning. This is a role that our choristers take seriously.

It is a mixed-voice choir of approximately sixteen to twenty members. Choristers include a mix of singers, with a core of paid Section Leads in Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass sections.

The Choir Year

Each year, beginning after Labour Day and continuing to early June, the choir is active at the Cathedral.

Summer Choir

During July and August, the CCAS Choir takes a well-deserved break from its busy, regular season activities.

Repertoire

Choir repertoire ranges from early music through to very contemporary works by living composers, in a wide range of styles. The rich acoustic in the Cathedral, both in the chancel and at the West door, enriches the choral sound, particularly with a cappella (unaccompanied) pieces, and is a major part of the blend of the Cathedral choir, whether singing at the

Great Doors, in the Transept area or in the Choir Stalls. Listen to the Choir at this website:

http://www.cathedralchurchofallsaints.com/cathedral_recordings.html

Practices

Choir practices take place in the Cathedral, on Thursday evenings, 7:30 to 9:00p.m., from September to June. In addition, there is always a final, 45 minute-long, warm-up/practice that takes place (9:30 to 10:15 am) prior to every Sunday service.

Regular Services

The choir sings the Cathedral's principal Sunday morning Choral Eucharist at 10:30a.m. This involves preparing and singing ten or fifteen items on most Sundays, including the mass movements (Kyrie, Sanctus, etc), the hymns, the psalm (in a range of settings), Communion, Responses and both Choral Introit and Benediction.

Choral Evensongs

Choir also sings a full, traditional Choral Evensong, at 4:00 p.m. every month between September and June.

Special Services

In addition to those regular commitments, the choir annually sings ten to fifteen other major cathedral services through the year, including principal feast days (Holy Week services, etc.), major diocesan services such as ordination, and so on.

Choir Leadership

The Cathedral is blessed to have as Director of Music and Organist the extraordinary musician, Paul Halley. Halley has a well-deserved, international reputation as organist, conductor and composer – pieces by him are found in many choral libraries, and are frequently heard at our services. Since 2016, he has been assisted by Nick Halley, Assistant Director of Music. Their joint presence has moved our choir into the ranks of the best of Anglican Cathedral choirs.



Joining the Choir

New choristers are always welcome in the CCAS Choir. Interested singers should contact our Director of Music, Paul Halley, at one of these numbers below to arrange a visit or an audition:

Home: (902) 531-2340

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Note that strong sight-reading is useful, but not a prerequisite. You will quickly learn how to sight-read in this very fine choir! Come and join us!



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The Cathedral Church of All Saints



*Where strangers become friends,
where Christ's peace and justice are
sought, where God is worshipped with
heart, mind and voice*

Choir at the Cathedral Church of All Saints



*There is nothing in the world so much
like prayer as music is. -
William P. Merrill*

*Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;
Break forth and sing for joy and sing
praises.—Psalm 98:4*

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