

## Senior Choral Scholarships at St Mary's, Barnes

### **The Senior Choral Scholarship**

St Mary's, Barnes is offering one-year scholarships to choral singers seeking to further their experience in the field of Anglican Church music.

The scholarship consists of:

- 50 services across the year between Sept 1 2026, and August 31 2027
- Choral and solo singing
- A recital opportunity
- Coaching in choral skills
- Further tailoring to the individual (this may include choral conducting, librarian duties and junior choir)

Commitment:

- 50 services across the year comprising:
  - Weekly Sunday Eucharists in term time (09:15 rehearsal for 10:00 service)
  - Including one Sunday Evensong services per term (16:15 rehearsal for 18:00 service)
  - Christmas Carol service, Ascension Day, All Souls' Day, Ash Wednesday as well as Wednesday and Thursday of Holy Week.

The scholarship does not include Easter Day, Midnight Mass or Christmas Day. For these services, scholars are offered the chance to sing at an enhanced rate of £100.

Scholars are expected to sing at every service during the parish choir term, and are responsible for finding their own deputies when unavailable.

The Parish choir breaks for two weeks after Christmas, for one week after Easter, and for approximately six weeks over summer. When the Parish choir is not singing, scholars will be expected to take turns to solo cantor services.

### **Remuneration**

The scholarship attracts a stipend of £2500, paid in 6 equal installments throughout the year.

### **Requirements**

This post is open to aspiring singer at any stage in their career. It may particularly suit those studying for undergraduate degrees, those on gap years, and recent university leavers.

The successful candidates will have:

- The ability to learn music quickly and sing confidently
- A positive attitude and engagement with the choirs at St Mary's.
- A responsible approach to all commitments, including excellent preparation and punctuality.

All applicants are treated on an equal basis, without reference to their ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation or age. The applicants must be able to work in accordance with the church's beliefs, mission, and ethos.

### **About St Mary's**

St Mary's is a thriving parish in the heart of Barnes, with a congregation regularly exceeding 100 people. The church is a hub for musical activity, with its own in-house 'St Mary's at 3' series, monthly Barnes Music Society concerts, and regular concerts held by external organisations. The church is also home to the Barnes Music Festival in March, hosting numerous concerts with international-calibre musicians.

The main 10am Eucharist service contains a congregational mass, a choral anthem and hymns. Evensongs contain a setting of the canticles, a psalm, an anthem, an introit and hymns.

### **To Apply**

Please send a brief CV, outlining experience and suitability for the role and contact details for two referees (one of whom should be able to comment on your musical ability) to '[dmo@stmarybarnes.org](mailto:dmo@stmarybarnes.org)'. References may be taken up prior to the interview.

St Mary's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Recruitment for this post will be undertaken in line with the Church of England's Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance.

If you have any questions, please email the Director of Music, Ben, at '[dmo@stmarybarnes.org](mailto:dmo@stmarybarnes.org)'. He is always happy to answer any questions or to have an informal chat at any point.

*The deadline for these scholarships is Monday 20 July.*

