



WHO CAN JOIN?

Anyone who has a pleasant voice which they are not afraid for people to hear!

We welcome boys and girls: both those who have no experience of church or music so far, and those who already go to church with their parents.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Firstly, show this leaflet to your parents. Then fill in the enclosed application form and hand it to any adult member of the choir, or send it to the Parish Office. The Director of Music will then contact you to arrange an informal audition.

For further information contact St John's Parish Office:

music@stjohndeewhy.com.au
www.stjohndeewhy.com.au

Application form

Name

Name of Parent(s)

Address

POSTCODE:

Phone no:

Mobile:

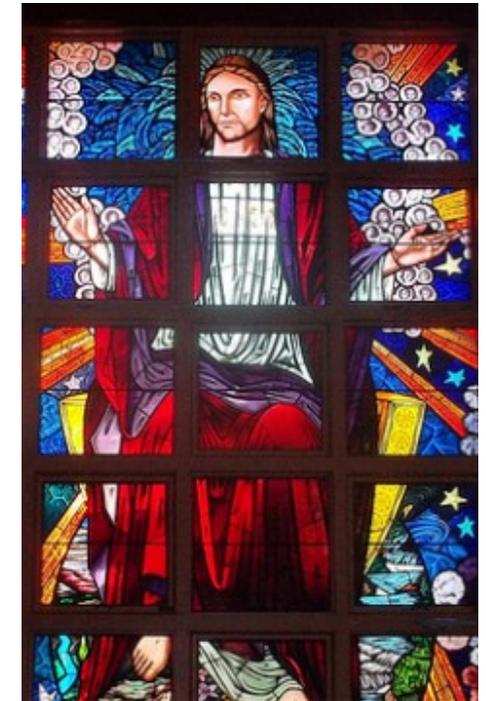
Email:

School:

Parental declaration:

I have read and agree to support the principles laid out in the this leaflet, and I fully support my son's / daughter's application.

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BECOME
A
CHORISTER

Become a Chorister at St John's Church

You will be part of a smart team of 16 musical boys and girls aged 7 to 13, who love singing, team games and challenges. Your choir trainer will be Tom Edwards (St John's Director of Music and an experienced music teacher and choir trainer). Choristers will be lead through the Royal School of Church Music's 'Voice for life' scheme.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

Choristers rehearse weekly on Wednesdays and sing on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, and on special days including Easter Sunday and the Service of Lessons and Carols at Christmas.

TUESDAY:

5.00—6.00pm Chorister Rehearsal

6.00– 6.30pm Voice for Life Training

SUNDAY:

(twice a month)

9.00-9.45am Full Choir Practice

10.00-11.00am Sung Eucharist

Upon joining, you will start as a probationer. When you are ready for full membership, you will be presented with a robe in a short ceremony and invited to sing regularly at the 10.00 Eucharist as part of the parish choir.

DO I REALLY HAVE TO COME ON TUESDAYS AND SUNDAYS?

In term-time, yes – so if you are away a lot of weekends, this might not be for you yet! Of course, the occasional absence could be negotiated by giving enough notice.



WHEN DO WE GET TIME OFF?

There are no Tuesday practices or Sunday services during January, the week after Easter or during school holidays.

DO WE GET PAID?

New choristers receive \$2 per service and bonuses are awarded for excellent attendance (with extra pay for being the first to arrive!), and excellent performance.



WHAT ARE THE LONG-TERM BENEFITS OF BEING A CHORISTER?

Choristers receive a sound musical education, experience team-work, and learn a profound sense of spirituality. Regular singing can help boost achievement in other areas of life, including school and creative pursuits. Many choristers study music later on and are often successful in obtaining scholarships. Furthermore you will learn a skill which can become a source of enjoyment for life. There may also be an opportunity for choristers to begin learning the organ.