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Saturday 26
March, 7.30pm

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Round-up

Our choirs have just broken up for a short holiday before Holy Week and Easter. This term has seen us **consolidate our recovery** from such an unpredictable 2021 and it has been remarkable to see our younger choristers grow in **confidence and expertise** after such a strange few terms. Much of this term was taken up with planning for the welcome of our new bishop (more below) but culminated in a **passionate and zestful** performance of Messiah after a gap of three years in Portsmouth Cathedral (see next page).

Welcome Bishop Jonathan!



It was quite splendid to welcome our new Bishop of Portsmouth, **The Right Reverend Dr Jonathan Frost** to his cathedral last month. **Bishop Jonathan** particularly requested a very prominent role for **young people** in his service. This meant we were able to invite singers from our pioneering **Choir Church Project**

at St James' Milton and Cathedral Sing singers as well as choristers from our friends at St Mary's Fratton and St James' Emsworth.

Sing Joyfully

We have recently launched a campaign to secure the **future our music programme** at Portsmouth. As part of a series of events marking this and David Price's 25th anniversary as Cathedral Organist here we welcomed a number of former Portsmouth Sub-Organists, Organ Scholars and a former Head Chorister to play a combined concert. Thank you to **Rosemary, Luke, Marcus, James, Sam** and **Will** for playing such a beautiful concert.



You can find out more details about **Sing Joyfully** on our website. Please support us if you can to enable us to continue our work into the next 25 years and beyond.

Handel's 'Messiah'



The last time we were able to perform **'Messiah'** in Portsmouth Cathedral was March 2019, and so after two rescheduled dates it was truly **wonderful** to be able to bring this iconic work back to our music programme. The concert was kindly sponsored by Lay Member of Chapter and former Chorister Parent

David Carpenter to whom **we extend our heartfelt thanks** for his immense generosity.

Treble and Soprano soloists came from our own choristers, and **Daniel, Stephanie, Noah** and **Daisy** sang superbly. We invited former Choral Scholars **Karol** and **Tom** and Lay Clerk **James** to sing the other solo parts. The concert was received very well by our capacity crowd and we received a **standing ovation** at the conclusion of the evening.



Falklands40, Platinum Jubilee and BBC Broadcasts



The Summer Term will see a number of **significant national** events here in Portsmouth. We shall be marking the fortieth anniversary of **The Falklands Campaign** with services and commemorations at the cathedral; also in June we shall play our part in marking the **Platinum Jubilee** of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with concerts, special services and a Street Party.

We are hosting the **Cathedral Organists' National Conference** in late May and **The BBC** returns to Portsmouth in July with two radio broadcasts

People

Choristers



Our Monday and Thursday Song Schools are full to the brim with new recruits! Welcome to **Thomas, Aiden, Daniel** and **Edward** who are our newest recruits to the boys' choir.

We've just started our first sessions for junior girl choristers and we welcomed **Rose, Elizabeth, Bea, Jess** and **Charlotte** to their first one before the end of term.



Scholars

We look forward to welcoming **Emma, Reuben, Adam, Sam** and **David** as Choral Scholar and **Benedict** as *Michael James* Organ Scholar next September. In the meantime, we thank our current Scholars for all their sterling work as well as Organ Scholar **Mr Colyer** who is a terrific member of the organist team here.

We are recruiting to all our choirs at the moment. Places are available for **boys (Yrs 3-5), Girls (Yrs 5-12)** and also for our Gap Year Scheme. Email for details or see our website.

Holy Week and Easter

We look forward to a full sequence of services and music for Holy Week and Easter. Full details on our website.



Join our
choir

With opportunities for boys and girls aged 8-11, the Portsmouth Cathedral Choir is a fantastic experience for those with a passion for music and singing.

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Information on all Cathedral Choirs from
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