



Rochester Cathedral Choir

Holy Week and Easter went incredibly well, with three beautiful services of music and readings on the Monday (girls), Tuesday (boys) and Wednesday (lay clerks). Palm Sunday featured new music all round, with many appreciative comments from congregation members. Another first was the Full Cathedral Choir singing at the Maundy Thursday Eucharist: the choristers were all very taken with the service. It was the boys' turn to be up at the crack of dawn (something the choristers all love!), another beautiful service, followed by an amazing breakfast laid on by the chorister parents, and a brilliant Haydn *Missa Sancti Nicolai* for the 10.30.

After a well-earned holiday, term began again in the middle of April. The girls held a very successful cake sale on Sunday 29th April (£178 raised): the boys' turn was on Sunday 17th June. On Thursday 17th May the boys went to perform their annual concert at Morden College (who fund two chorister places via King's School). As well as some more usual sacred repertoire, the two Morden choristers perform instrumental solos, and the boys also performed *When I grow up* from Matilda, and the *Game of Thrones* theme tune – this really confused them at first, "But, how do we sing it - it hasn't got any words!"

In July we bid farewell to our leaving choristers; four boys and three girls. Recruitment is strong with nine probationers joining us in September

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