

- **Fixed Pattern Members** - sing at some of the services each month, following a regular monthly pattern, as agreed with the Director of Music
- **Flexible pattern members** - sing at services in a flexible pattern over a term, as agreed with the Director of Music; this may change from term to term
- **Occasional / Deputy Singers** - sing occasionally, when regular singers are absent or when additional voices are needed, by arrangement with the Director of Music

All singers are volunteers, and, although we are unable to offer payment, there are a number of benefits of membership, which include

- a welcoming church community, with a strong commitment to a continuing choral tradition
- chance to regularly sing a range of music from the Anglican choral repertoire, including regularly singing a fully choral evensong
- opportunity to sing in one of the finest church buildings in Yorkshire
- opportunity to develop your musical knowledge and skills through in-house training and to be involved with Royal School of Church Music training and events, costs covered by the Minster

Rotherham Minster

Rotherham Minster has stood at the heart of Rotherham for over 500 years. As well as being a Grade 1 listed building which is recognised nationally as a superb example of perpendicular architecture, it is the hub of a Christian Community, fully engaged with the life of our town and borough. As part of our mission, we aim



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Rotherham
Minster Choir



We're Recruiting!

Exciting opportunities for singers.

Do you have experience in choral singing?

Are you interested in being part of a forward looking and developing choir with long established roots in the Anglican Choral Tradition?

If so, we'd like to meet you, as Rotherham Minster Choir is seeking to recruit experienced adult singers as part of a major choral development programme.

Can't commit to every service? No problem: different membership options available.



The choir of Rotherham Minster is looking for experienced adult singers to become part of its choir and to contribute to the vision of making the Minster a 'Centre of Musical Excellence' in Rotherham.

Our Heritage

Rotherham Minster has a long history of choral singing in worship, dating back to the 15th century when Thomas Rotherham, Archbishop of York, founded the College of Jesus in 1482 which provided for 'six poor boys' of the parish to be clothed, fed and educated in 'grammar, writing and song'. The college of Jesus was dissolved many years ago, but the tradition of choral worship at the Minster continues.

A Journey of Renewal

The choir is currently part of a major choral development initiative, renewing our commitment to building a sustainable choir to continue the long tradition of choral worship into the future.



As a result of a significant Strategic Development Fund initiative, the Minster has a growing choral outreach programme in Rotherham primary schools and, over the past twelve months, a new treble section has been launched, with choristers training weekly, and currently singing monthly, with plans to increase opportunities for them to sing in more services as their skills develop.

As part of this choral development initiative, the Senior Musical Director and Minster music team are looking to recruit a number of experienced singers to the Minster adult choir, in order to support the development of the choir's repertoire and contribute to the continued development and maintenance of high standards of music in worship.

The Minster adult choir currently consists of 13 singers, covering 4 voice parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor & Bass). Members are all amateur, and there are both very experienced and less experienced singers. The choir currently sings at a weekly Sunday service, at 10:30 a.m. and at choral evensong at 4:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. There are also additional special services, such as the Civic Mayor's Service and the very popular Carols by Candlelight services.



The choir after a choral evensong

Join us on our journey

We are currently looking for singers in all voice parts, but particularly interested in altos, tenors and basses, who:

- have experience of singing in a church, cathedral or collegiate chapel choir, or similar
- are able to sing from a musical score
- have a voice which will blend with other singers
- are able to maintain a vocal line independently, and sing strongly enough to support less experienced singers

We understand that, in the today's world, there are many different demands on people's time, including family, work and other interests. Whilst singers who wish to become core members of the choir, attending all services and rehearsals, will be most welcome, there are a number of options for other singers who would like to become involved but are unable to make a commitment to be at every service.

Membership options include:

- **Core members** - sing at all services, including weekly Sunday 10:30 services, monthly Choral Evensong, and special services (i.e. a full commitment)