



St Thomas' Church, Goring-on-Thames Choral Scholarship

The Choral Scholarship is part of The St Thomas' Musical Outreach Project. An important element of this outreach is encouraging a new generation of young musicians. As part of this aim, we introduced a choral scholarship. In September 2025, we offered our first choral scholarship to Annabel McLean. After a successful year, we are delighted to announce that we are offering one or more St Thomas' Choral Scholarships again this year. Each scholarship will normally be for 12 months running from 1st September to 31st August the following year.

The Choral Scholarship will be tailored to the successful applicant. The main purpose of the scholarship is to develop skills in singing, with particular emphasis on church music. However, depending on the individual, there will also be opportunities to develop skills in choir directing.

Duties

Depending on the ability and experience of the post holder, duties are likely to include:

- Attending choir practices on a Friday evening (6.30pm–8.15pm)
- Singing occasional solos in services
- Occasionally directing some of the items at choir practices

Benefits

Choral Scholars will also gain benefits, such as:

- One hour per month of free singing lessons with Emily Mustoe, a singing teacher and choir member (additional paid lessons by arrangement)
- Regular opportunities to sing solos within a service
- Possible hands-on experience of directing the choir

How to Apply

Applications are now open for the choral scholarship running from 1st September 2026 to 31st August 2027. **The closing date for applications is 1st July 2026.** We welcome applications from enthusiastic, committed singers of any voice part.

Anyone interested in applying for the Choral Scholarship will be offered a consultation lesson and interview by arrangement sometime in July or August 2026.

To apply or to find out more, contact officeofgsandss@yahoo.com

