



ST MICHAEL AND ALL SAINTS  
*Tollcross, Edinburgh*

## CHORAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

St Michael and All Saints is a dynamic Anglo-Catholic church in Edinburgh's city centre, known for its rich liturgical tradition, exceptional choral music and awe-inspiring space. It is part of the Scottish Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Communion. The renowned choir, under the Director of Music and supported by a team of organists, sings a wide-ranging repertoire, from Byrd and Victoria to Howells and James MacMillan, at the church's regular Sunday morning Eucharist and other special services through the year.

St Michael and All Saints is introducing a new Choral Scholarship Programme, offering younger singers the opportunity to join an established choir, perform a wide-ranging repertoire to a high standard, and learn alongside experienced singers. The church is looking for up to eight scholars of all voice parts aged 16+ with natural musical talent, enthusiasm and intelligence who would like to develop their skills.

The choir sings at the Eucharist every Sunday morning at 10.30 am. The service finishes by noon and is preceded by a rehearsal from 8.30 to 10.00 am. Choral scholars will be expected to sing at the church from Sunday 25 October 2026, or as soon as possible thereafter, until Sunday 20 December 2026, and from Sunday 10 January to Sunday 27 June 2027. In addition, the choir sings at several services marking significant religious festivals. In 2026-27, these will be All Souls (Sunday 1 November 2026 - afternoon), the Advent Carol Service (Sunday 29 November 2026), Nine Lessons and Carols (Sunday 20 December 2026), Ash Wednesday (10 February 2027), Maundy Thursday (25 March 2027), Good Friday (26 March 2027), the Easter Vigil (Saturday 27 March 2027), Ascension Day (Thursday 6 May 2027) and Corpus Christi (Thursday 27 May 2027). Scholars may be absent from up to six Sunday morning services and three special services, provided that they give prior notice and arrange a suitable deputy at their own expense. The choir also sings on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. These services are not part of the scholars' commitment, but scholars are invited to sing when available, for which an additional fee will be paid. The church also plans to present a concert featuring the choral scholars, on a date to be arranged.

The scholarship includes a payment of £1,000 for the year, paid in monthly instalments. All music and robes will be provided.

Applications should be made using the form linked below by 5pm on Wednesday 14 October 2026. Auditions will be held on the afternoon of 18 October 2026, with a back-up date early in the following week, and will consist of singing a solo piece of your own choosing, in any language, and some sight-reading including 16th-century polyphony and Romantic-era English choral music.

The church would be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested.

**For more information and to apply, visit [www.smas.church/music](http://www.smas.church/music).**