

Christ Church, Reading

Choral and Organ Scholarships

The choir of Christ Church, Reading is delighted to invite applications for Choral and Organ Scholars for the year 2026/27.

[Christ Church](#) is a welcoming church with a rich musical tradition. Music at our church ranges from traditional hymn singing to fully sung choral services. There are at least four choral services a month as well as festival services and concerts.

The choir sings a wide range of music from the Anglican, European and spiritual traditions. Our varied repertoire ranges from plainsong to Palestrina, from Haydn to Howells, Schubert to Stanford and Bach to Brahms! We welcome the chance to perform compositions by contemporary musicians, especially those from the local area.

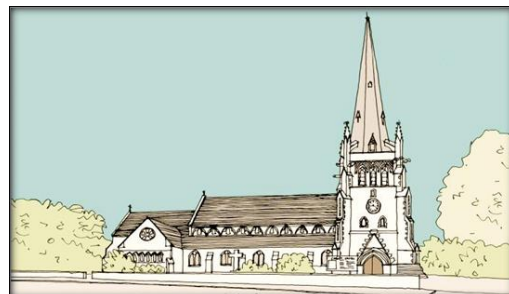
About the Scholarships:

The Choral and Organ Scholars are a key part of our musical life. They join with the choir for rehearsals and services, singing and playing at services at Christ Church. The scholarship team are asked to be present to take part in all rehearsals and choral services, but there is some flexibility with other commitments, especially around exam periods.

Supporting your musical development:

The Choral Scholarship comes with a payment of up to **£1250** (for the year, depending on experience and ability). A small grant for singing lessons may also be available.

The Organ Scholarship comes with a payment of up to **£1250** (for the year, depending on experience and ability). There is also a grant for organ lessons of up to **£500**. To support you, **Organ Scholars have access to the church to practice the organ**.



For exceptional candidates, additional fees may be available for performing at services such as weddings and funerals. Depending on the experience, skills and interests of individual scholars, there are opportunities to perform solos, support the development of younger musicians, lead rehearsals and conduct the choir in services. If helpful, tuition and guidance in harmony and composition is also available; many scholars have had their compositions performed by the choir.

Who can apply:

We welcome applications from musicians from all backgrounds, including those who are new to church music. Successful applicants will have good teamwork skills and will embrace the chance to learn a wide repertoire of music. For guidance, applicants for a Choral Scholarship should be Grade 5 standard in singing. Applicants for an Organ Scholarship should be Grade 6+ standard in piano or organ. Musicians with significant experience playing another instrument and with an interest in developing their singing skills and experience of choral music are very welcome to apply even if they have limited singing experience.

There have been approximately twenty-five musicians who have held scholarships in recent years. Many have used this as a springboard for other musical opportunities; studying Music at undergraduate and postgraduate level, conducting choirs, being the Musical Director for stage shows, and completing a range of other work as professional musicians and educators.

Further information and applications:

There are four scholarships which are available from the beginning of the academic year 2026/27. To apply, please email the Director of Music, Jamie Hudson: music.ccreading@gmail.com with a brief summary of your musical experience and ambitions for the future. If you would like any further information about music at Christ Church or would like to arrange an informal conversation please contact Jamie at the same address – we would be delighted to hear from you!