

Richmond Chamber Choir

An ambitious and friendly chamber choir based in West London



Choral
Apprenticeships
2026

www.richmondchamberchoir.org.uk

Who are we?



Richmond Chamber Choir was formed in 1968, and has been delighting audiences in Richmond and further afield ever since. The choir performs 3-4 concerts a year, and delight in a wide-ranging repertoire. Recent programmes have included 'Shakespeare in Song', 'Father Thames', 'The flowers appear on the earth', 'A Patchwork Requiem' and encompass 1000 years of music in a range of styles.

The choir is based at St Matthias, Richmond, but perform all over the borough and further afield, including at St Anne's, Kew, St Mary's Twickenham, Normansfield Theatre, Teddington and Duke Street Baptist Church. The choir has also represented Richmond through its twinning with Fontainebleau in France, Konstanz in southern Germany and in Virginia, USA. To celebrate the choir's 50th anniversary in 2018, the group performed a number of popular larger-scale events, and the choir regularly raises money for charity. The choir is run by a committee, and led by Musical Director Alexander Turner.

Choral Apprenticeships



New for 2026, Richmond Chamber Choir wish to appoint **three apprentices** (Soprano, Tenor & Bass). The successful singers will be committed singers who wish to develop their ensemble singing within a secular context, improve their sight-reading and broaden their knowledge of the choral repertoire both sacred and secular in a range of styles. Opportunities will be given through solos, musical leadership and other areas of interest (like composition).



Terms & Conditions



- The apprenticeships are open to anyone aged 18-30 in full or part-time education.
- An annual bursary of **£800** will be paid (c. £260 per project)
- Apprentices are expected to perform with the choir in the following concerts, preceded by four rehearsals:
 - 7th March 2026
 - 4th July 2026
 - 19th December 2026*

**applications from those only able to commit February-July will also be considered*

- Apprentices will be encouraged to gain further experience through opportunities in musical leadership, solos, and assist with the social media presence of the choir
- Rehearsals are held at St Matthias' Church, Richmond (15 min walk or 7 min bus from Richmond Station)

Supported by Richmond Chamber Choir and the Royal Opera House Benevolent Fund

How to apply



To apply or to find out more, please send your CV and 250 words highlighting your suitability for the role to:

richmondchamberchoir@gmail.com by Monday 26th January 2026

Auditions will be arranged in February and will consist of

- two contrasting solo songs
- a short choral piece (given in advance)
- sight-reading
- range and aural tests
- a short informal discussion

What to expect



Richmond Chamber Choir are a friendly and ambitious choir. They are an auditioned ensemble who enjoy the challenge of diverse programmes. The choir currently has 8 sopranos, 9 altos, 3 tenors and 5 basses. Rehearsals are friendly and focussed, with a chance to socialise in the break and after rehearsal. Concerts tend to attract 80+ people, and previous concerts have been with instrumentalists.

Spring 2026's programme is a feast of French repertoire, with music by Fauré, Mel Bonis, Duruflé, Franck and is completed by Vierne's *Messe Solennelle*. The Summer concert is a broad range of music from America, with works by Barber, Bernstein, Duke Ellington and Brittney Boykin. The ever-popular Christmas Concert features seasonal music from across the centuries.

Find out more



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For an informal discussion about the apprenticeships, please contact us:

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