

Parish of St. Giles' & St. George's, Ashted – Organ and Choral Scholarships

The Rector and PCC are pleased to offer the following organ and choral scholarships for the academic year September 2019 to July 2020.

Overview

St. Giles' & St. George's, Ashted is a large and active church in the diocese of Guildford. Dating from 1115, St. Giles' is the parish church. A daughter church, St. George's, was consecrated in 1906.

We are one church serving a parish of c15,000 people.

There are six services each Sunday at the two churches. The St. Giles' evening service is a traditional Book of Common Prayer Evensong led by a robed choir and organ, with both Choral Communion and a full Choral Evensong one Sunday each month. A cathedral choral repertoire is sung at this service including Communion settings, evening canticles and anthems as well as Anglican chant, hymns and responses. Both churches have two manual Walker organs.

It is envisaged that scholars will mainly be involved at this evening service at St. Giles, but they might be asked to help out at another service occasionally if needed.

Wilfred Finbow

A parishioner and member of the Evensong congregation, Wilfred Finbow left a legacy which enabled the PCC to set up a scholarship fund. Due to his generosity, the parish has this opportunity to offer to young musicians the chance to become immersed in beautiful traditional church choral and organ music, to learn within a friendly environment and hone their skills for the future. Several of our past choristers have gone on to obtain choral scholarships at university, to study music, or to become professional musicians.

The scholarships are primarily intended for school pupils in Years 10 to 13, or undergraduate students. They are particularly suitable for young musicians working towards an audition for music college, a university organ or choral scholarship, or who are hoping ultimately to enter the music profession. All scholars will be expected to attend a weekly Friday choir rehearsal and one Sunday service per week, which will usually be the St. Giles 6pm evening service.

Scholars will receive musical training, in both practical performing and also music theory, which will help in their studies towards music GCSE and/or A level and also the RSCM exams.

Organists will be allowed to practice the organ at either church.

FINBOW ORGAN SCHOLARSHIPS

One scholarship will be awarded to an organist who would like to broaden their experience playing for regular services such as Choral Evensong and Sung Eucharist, and occasional special services.

This scholarship is offered up to £1,000 pa.

In addition, a junior scholarship is offered to a young musician of school year 7 or above, who has already reached a good standard on the piano and who would like to transfer to the organ.

The intention is that the scholarship would help pay towards organ lessons and that eventually the award holder might become the senior organ scholar.

This scholarship is offered up to £600 pa.

FINBOW CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Choral scholarships will be awarded to promising young teenage singers, or younger, who have reached a reasonable standard of singing and are keen to progress further.

Each choral scholarship is offered up to £750 pa.

To apply for a scholarship, please complete and return the form by March 31st 2019. Auditions will be held shortly afterwards, and the scholarship will commence September 2019 and last initially for one academic year.

Anyone interested in a scholarship is invited to contact our parish Choir Director, Nigel Perona-Wright, for an informal chat and to ask any questions that you may have. 01372 277703 / music@dragonsfire.uk.com

Scholarships available

Organ scholarship (senior)

Organ scholarship (junior)

Choral scholarships

Scholarship applied for

If choral scholarship, please state voice range (soprano, alto, tenor, bass)

Name

Address

Postcode **Telephone**

email

Date of birth

Current school/college

Please give details of your general education

Please give details of your musical education and experience
(instruments/vocal grades, music teachers, ensembles, concerts, etc)

Please Return completed form by 31/03/2019 to:

Organ and Choral Scholarships, Parish Office, St George's Christian Centre, Barnett Wood Lane
Ashted. KT21 2DA

Or email to:

Parish.Office@ashtedparish.org