



Chorister News

Termly – Lent 2015

Welcome to Chorister News, Lent Term 2015! We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this term – including a performance of J.S. Bach's



St Matthew Passion (sung in German) on Sunday 22nd March at 6pm. Our choristers will perform with our professional adult choir and baroque orchestra. It should be quite a highlight, and we're all looking forward to improving our German! Other events to look forward to include a couple of concerts, our Thursday Evensongs and our quiz night on Friday 6th March. I hope to see you at one or more of these lovely events.

Warm regards

David Moore
Assistant Director of Music
Hampstead Parish Church

Who are the current choristers?

Evelyn Fitzpatrick *Head Chorister*, Max Bell, Clara Bove, Zirjelle Buckingham, Bella Carrington, James Crick, Nina Daeschner, Cara Dartnell-Steinberg, Clark Fitzpatrick, Lindsay Fitzpatrick, Louise Fitzpatrick, Roland Foster, Matthew Gardner, Abby Jackson, Mary Leonard, Rupert Mathieson, Alex Saikia, Inigo Saikia, Beatriz Santos, Victoria Scott- Linden, Magnus Tyson.

Weekly schedule

Thursday (rehearsal) 5.30 – 7pm
Friday 4.30 – 5.30pm
(optional extra practise)
Sunday (Parish Eucharist) 9am
Sunday (Choral Evensong) 6pm

Welcome to Samuel Moore

Lucinda and I are delighted to tell you we that we are proud parents to our firstborn – a son, Samuel David Joseph Moore – born Sunday 5th October at 18.18, at St Thomas' Hospital. Samuel was born during Choral Evensong at Hampstead, apparently during the *Magnificat* – well timed, eh? We are happily settling down into family life and enjoying everything that parenthood brings. Samuel will be baptised during Choral Evensong on Sunday 1st March at 4.30pm; do come.





Saturday 22nd November saw 12 of our choristers head to St Paul's Cathedral to sing Evensong with the world-famous Cathedral Choir. The twelve choristers were all successful in Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) exams over the past year, and award holders were privileged to sing with the St Paul's Choir: Clara Bove, Dominique Daeschner, Evelyn Fitzpatrick, Lindsay Fitzpatrick, Louise

Fitzpatrick, Roland Foster, Abby Jackson, Alessandra Michelucci-Dunn, Lorenza Michelucci-Dunn, Alexander Saikia, Inigo Saikia, Victoria Scott-Linden. All these guys passed the Dean of London award in July and we were delighted that Alexander Saikia was then successful in the Bishop of London award in October. The choristers sang a full service of Evensong, including *Litany to the*

Holy Spirit by Hurford, a setting of the Canticles in D minor by Walmisley and *Achieved is the glorious work* from *The Creation* by Haydn. What fun! Father Stephen read out the names of choristers during the ceremony at St Paul's, and the awards were presented by the sub-Dean (Dean's Award) and our own Bishop Peter, Bishop of Edmonton (Bishop's Award). Well done, Team HPC! Love the photo..!

Congratulations

to the following choristers, who passed singing exams last term:
Lindsay Fitzpatrick – grade 3 singing
Matthew Gardner – grade 1 singing
Inigo Saikia – grade 4 singing
Alex Saikia – RSCM Bishop's Award
 Also to:
Evelyn Fitzpatrick – grade 6 piano
Lindsay Fitzpatrick – grade 4 piano

Music Theory

The choristers now all do music theory from the end of the Parish Eucharist until 12.15pm on a Sunday. Being able to understand what's on the page is so important! As our choristers progress through the singing grades, they will also need to pass grade 5 theory in order to do the higher grades, so it all pays off. It's been lovely to see some of our older choristers, who have already passed grade 5, mentoring the younger ones too. :)

Singing Tutor Profile

Julia Featherstone

Full name:

Julia Margaret Featherstone

How long have you been a member of the choir?

I started depping after I graduated from university in 2004, and I think I became a full-time member of the choir in the autumn of 2006.

Favourite food:

I love a good curry.

Favourite composer:

Bach, without hesitation. But I also like Sibelius, too.

If you hadn't become a musician, what career would you like to have had?

Honestly? I think I'd have made a good doctor. Next, please.

Who would play you in a film?

When I was younger, people often said that I resembled Reece Witherspoon.

What other stuff do you get up to?

I work two days a week as Assistant Director of Music at the Stephen Perse Foundation, in



Cambridge, teaching classroom music to Year 7s right up to Sixth Form. The other days are spent entertaining William and Georgina, and on a Wednesday I run a baby and toddler singing group in my village community centre, which is great fun, leading it on the ukelele. I only know how to play about four chords but that's all you need for nursery rhymes, thank goodness!

What do I love about singing at Hampstead?

People often ask me why I come "all the way from Cambridge" to sing at Hampstead. It's because I genuinely love doing it. There is such a wonderful family feel to our church and that, coupled with excellent music-making with superb musicians, makes it a very unique, special place.

Review of last term

Busy as ever, of course; I always find the autumn term non-stop! In addition to our normal schedule, four of the choristers were in for various ABRSM and RSCM singing examinations, and we held a few concerts:

Thursday 16th October – an informal 'Choristers by Candlelight' concert

Thursday 13th November – the Barney Rodgers Memorial Recital

Sunday 23rd November – the St Cecelia Recital

Thursday 18th December – 'Christmas Choristers by Candlelight'

We also sang for the Advent and Christmas Carol Services. Well done, everybody, for some great music!

Future dates this term:

SUNDAY EVENSONG
on 1st March (also Samuel Moore's baptism) at 4.30pm

THURSDAY EVENSONG
on Thurs 5th March at 6.30pm

FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT
on Friday 6th March.

CONCERT:
Music for Lent on Thursday 19th March at 6.30pm

CONCERT:
St Matthew Passion by J.S. Bach. The choristers will sing with our professional choir and baroque orchestra! Sunday 22nd March at 6.00pm



SUPPER QUIZ

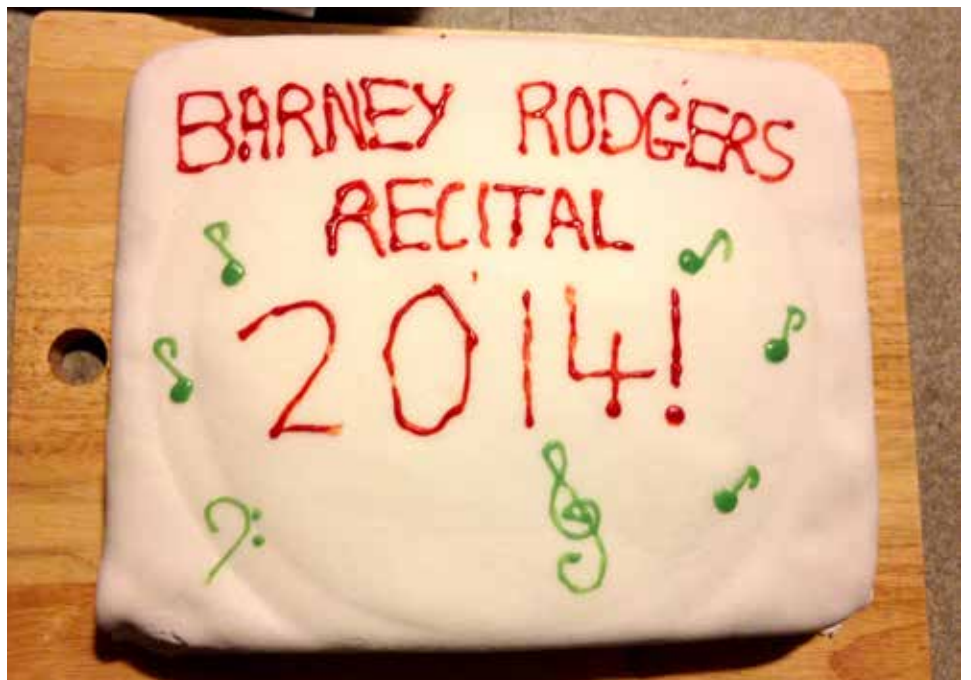
In aid of the Junior Choir

In the Crypt Room - Hampstead Parish Church on Friday 6 March 2015 at 7.30pm

TICKETS £10 each include supper at your table Cash bar available



Barney Rodgers Memorial Recital



Thursday 13th November saw our third recital to mark and celebrate the work of the Barney Rodgers Memorial Fund, which helps fund the choristers' individual singing tuition. This year we did something a bit new and arranged for some adult singers to join the choristers in singing some full choir repertoire. It was a

splendid occasion! The choristers started with Hurford's *Litany to the Holy Spirit*, Victoria Scott-Linden then sang Faure's *Pie Jesu* while all the choristers lit a candle in memory of Barney, and then the recital moved on to the full choir music: *A Clare Benediction* (Rutter), *The Lord's My Shepherd* (Goodall), *If ye love me*

(Tallis), *Almighty and everlasting God* (Gibbons), *Salvator Mundi* (Tallis) and finishing with Robert Parson's beautiful setting of the *Ave Maria*. A proud moment for us, and a fitting way to remember Barney. Thank you, Margaret, for having the vision to start Barney's fund.



Chorister Profile

Name: Matthew Gardner

Age: 11

School: Hampstead Parochial School

Do you learn a musical instrument? If so, tell us more...

I learn the violin at school. Our teacher makes the lessons fun – she gets us to dance and move in time with the music.

What do you like most about the Junior Choir?

I enjoy learning new pieces of music, performing in concerts and singing with the adults. I also like the parties and biscuits!!

What's your favourite piece of music you sing in Junior Choir?

Child of the Stable's Secret Birth by Thomas Hewitt Jones.

Get in touch

We're always keen to hear from children interested in joining the fun and friendly bunch that make up our Junior Choir. If you or your child would like to find out more, please contact David:

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