SAINT

HACKNEY CHOIR
CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS
Information

Four choral scholarships of up to £1350 per year are available for Hackney Choir for the year 2025 -2026.

Singers of all voice types are invited to apply and will enhance the choir of existing volunteers in our weekly Sunday Choral Eucharist services at St Luke's Hackney.

Principal Tasks/Duties include:

- Taking a leading role within the choir for the weekly 10AM Communion service and attending rehearsals immediately before (9AM) and at other times when scheduled.
- Singing for major church festivals including Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, All Souls, Carols by Candlelight, and Christmas Eve (no commitment needed on Christmas Day and Easter Sunday).
- Availability for some other special services in the church year, and the possibility of singing in certain services in other SAINT parish churches.
- Opportunities for solo singing, conducting and organ playing can also be made available.

Person Specification

Applicants are expected to have significant choral experience, some sight-singing ability, musical leadership potential, time-management skills and above all an enthusiasm for liturgical singing. These posts would suit undergraduate or postgraduate university students or sixth formers based in East London who may be applying for university choral scholarships or considering pursuing a professional singing career, as well as young professionals who more generally wish to develop their choral singing ability. Opportunities for solo singing,

conducting and organ playing can also be made available. Scholars are expected to be in sympathy with the aims and ethos of SAINT and the Church of England. Each scholarship lasts for one year, which is subject to renewal after that period, in consultation with the Rector and Director of Music.

Honorarium

Each scholar receives an honorarium of up to £1350 per year.
Extra fees may be available for weddings and funerals throughout the year.

Application and Audition procedure

Please send a CV illustrating your singing and wider musical experience to Director of Music David Halstead by emailing scholarships@saint.church.

All applications will be acknowledged, and you may be invited to attend an informal audition and interview, or to sing with the choir at a Sunday service.

Applicants may also with to consider jointly applying for The Esterhazy Singers choral scholarship scheme (see http://esterhazysingers.com/scholarships) for a combined scholarship. Previous scholars have happily combined both positions.

If interested in both scholarship opportunities, please state in your email – the audition process can be combined for interested candidates.