

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**GERMANY CALLS FOR THE BRADFORD CATHEDRAL CHOIR IN CULTURAL TOUR THIS SUMMER.**



*The girls and boys choir at Bradford Cathedral.*

The children of the Bradford Cathedral Choir are heading abroad for the first time in ten years at the end of May as part of an exciting tour that will see them heading to Germany, where they will be performing in churches across the country including Arnstadt where a teenage Bach was an organist back in 1703.

|

**HOSPITALITY. FAITHFULNESS. WHOLENESS.**

“Making music in another country is a fantastic way to expand the horizons of our choristers,” revealed Director of Music Alex Berry, who hopes the tour will help bring the young choir together as a team. “We hope they’ll develop their friendships more, as well as their love of music, and that [singing] in a different place will be an amazing experience and one that they’ll remember for a long time.”

The tour, which begins in Cologne, will see the choir performing in both Roman Catholic and Protestant churches, and will also involve some more recreational visits including trips to a chocolate factory and a museum.

In the run up to the Germany tour, the Choir is looking for support through their GoFundMe page.

“The choristers are extremely excited at the prospect of visiting Germany, and there are lots of events being planned for them while on the tour. However, as Bradford Cathedral Choir is not a subsidised choir or linked to a fee-paying educational establishment, we are hoping to raise funds to help with the costs of providing this opportunity.”

Alex Berry on the importance of the trip, and the GoFundMe campaign:

“The benefits of this tour are particularly educational. We have lots of children who come from families who aren’t necessarily able to afford to go on tour. The Cathedral hopes to subsidise the tour.”

As part of the tour the choir will be visiting a church in Erfurt which is linked with the Bradford area. There will also be a cultural exchange when members of German choirs come to Bradford in October 2019. “They’re bringing over 100 singers with them and will be singing in Bradford, Ilkley, Halifax, Ripon and Leeds.”

But the exciting plans don’t stop in 2019. The choir hopes in future years to spread their wings

further with a tour of the USA and Canada, giving more opportunities for the young members of the choir to meet new people and perform in new places.

*The choir tour to Germany takes place from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. You can find out more information and support them by visiting [gofundme.com/chorister-tour-in-germany](https://gofundme.com/chorister-tour-in-germany).*

## **ENDS**

### Notes for Editors

#### **About Bradford Cathedral**

Bradford Cathedral has been a place of worship in Bradford since the first millennium. It is the oldest building in the city and, alongside being a place of worship, hosts events, arts projects and much more. Bradford Cathedral celebrates its centenary in 2019.

For further information please contact:

Philip Lickley  
Communications, Marketing and Events Officer  
t: 01274 777720  
e: [commsandevents@bradfordcathedral.org](mailto:commsandevents@bradfordcathedral.org)