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Cambridge's Queens' College Chapel Choir come to Bradford for a free August Lunchtime Recital

The 45-minute recital will take place at 1pm on Wednesday 11th August



Members of the Queens' College Chapel Choir on some well-deserved down-time

Bradford Cathedral will welcome the Queens' College Chapel Choir from Cambridge for a very special one-off lunchtime recital on Wednesday 11th August at 1pm.

The lunchtime recital will see the choir perform a range of pieces by composers such as Purcell, Howells and Mendelssohn, culminating in Harris' *Faire is the heaven*.



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The recital is part of a short tour by the choir, which will see them visit Durham Cathedral and Wakefield Cathedral ahead of Bradford, and will also see them singing at the Evening Mass at St Chad's, Toller Lane on the same day.

Following the recital at Bradford Cathedral there will be an optional 30-minute outreach talk to encourage and inform young people about the benefits of, and routes into, Cambridge and Oxford Universities.

Musical Director Ralph Allwood MBE says about the recital:

"I am really looking forward to this recital, partly because I have never performed in Bradford Cathedral before, and partly because we are doing some of the really great pieces from the Anglican repertoire.

"The best of the lot is Herbert Howells: *Take him, earth, for cherishing.*"

Luke Johnson of the Bradford Cathedral Music Department says:

"This concert is one not to be missed, and it's particularly valuable to young and aspiring musicians, though all music lovers are most welcome!"

Tickets are free, but are limited, and can be booked in advance via the Bradford Cathedral website or Eventbrite page.

You can book your free place for the lunchtime recital by visiting queens-college-chapel-choir.eventbrite.co.uk

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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. In 2020 Bradford Cathedral won the gold award for 'Small Visitor Attraction of the Year' at the White Rose Awards.

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About Queens' College Chapel Choir

Queens' College Chapel Choir is one of the finest mixed-voice ensembles in Cambridge, directed by the internationally renowned conductor and teacher Ralph Allwood MBE. The choir comprises twenty-four singers and two organ scholars, most of whom are actively studying for a degree, either at Queens' or another Cambridge College.

To join the choir is to commit to a busy weekly schedule, with services and rehearsals three days a week during term time, as well as special events such as weddings, memorial services, and significant College or Chapel events. The choir sings services and recitals both in Cambridge and around the UK, most recently at Westminster Abbey in July 2021. In the summer vacation, the Choir goes on tour, and has performed around the globe in Paris (2019), Greece (2018), the USA (2017), France (2016), Hungary (2015), and Hong Kong (2014) – to name a few! Despite the large time commitment, most choir members see it as the highlight of their week, and often get together outside of rehearsals and services. It's this friendly environment, combined with the high standard of music-making that makes Queens' Choir such a special group.

During the pandemic, the choir has continued to sing services in smaller groups, live-streaming to our regular congregation and to viewers around the world. It has been a good opportunity to experiment and try new repertoire, but we are thrilled to finally be able to sing for in-person congregations and audiences once again!

This summer, the choir will release recent recordings of music by Henry Purcell, and contemporary composers Shruthi Rajasekar and David Bednall. You can follow the choir on Facebook (@queenscollegechoir), Instagram (@queenscollegechoir), and Twitter (@QueensCChoir), and the College Chapel has a YouTube channel – The Chapel of Queens' College Cambridge – where you can see and hear our live-streamed services and other content from the past year.

Find out more at queenscollegechoir.co.uk

