

Y.E.S!

YOUNG ETH'S SINGERS!

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Patron: Lady Salisbury

Dear singers, parents, and friends,

Y.E.S! is now 4 years old! Congratulations and many thanks to all of you who have supported us, sung with us and are still singing four years on! We have lots of exciting events to enjoy and wonderful music to sing in the next few months, including a bell-ringing session in the St. Eth's bell-tower, lots of weddings and a garden party!

New RSCM ribbon awards: congratulations to **Sophie** who has passed her dark-blue ribbon. This will be presented on Easter Day. As we have lost a few singers recently, Jill will be visiting schools after Easter on a recruitment campaign. If you know of anyone who may like to sing with us and join the **Y.E.S!** team, please invite them to come along to a rehearsal or ask them to get in touch.

We are now asking for nominations for a **Head Chorister** and **two Deputy- Head Choristers** from Y.E.S!, the adult choir and the congregation. We are looking for qualities of leadership in our young singers; this is not about seniority, but about respect, helpfulness, example and inspiration, in singing, behaviour, attendance and Christian understanding. These positions will be held for one year and announced at the All-Age Eucharist on Pentecost Sunday (May 20th). The holders of all three positions will receive a badge to wear on their surplice. All three roles will involve responsibilities with regard to music, hymn books, robes, candles, processions and new choristers.

Applications will be open in June for our choral scholarship auditions for the academic year 2018-19. These will take place in July. In order to be considered for a scholarship, a young singer needs to be at least at RSCM dark blue ribbon level and currently in school year 6 or above (in Secondary school from September 2018). In the meantime, please encourage the children to work hard at developing their singing and choral awareness and follow it up with work in the training books. I am available every Wednesday from 5.15pm-5.55pm in church for individual and small-group RSCM ribbon-training.

As we are all being asked to consider our stewardship giving at St. Eth's, our church Treasurer, Mark, says that if you wish to make a regular donation to St. Eth's to contribute to the choral scholarship fund and the upkeep and overall running of our church, you can do so on a weekly or monthly basis, either through the envelope scheme or standing order. Please talk to Mark, or email him on knightmark2@gmail.com.

The calendar for this term is on the next **TWO** pages.

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CALENDAR –through to August 2018 (Red text = services/events)

Please look carefully at our calendar and note all the dates/times to your diaries.

It is really important for your child and the whole Y.E.S! team, that you let us know as soon as possible, (not a few days before) in writing please, if you are unable to commit to any of these rehearsals/services/events. Thank you.

Wednesday 28th March

Y.E.S! rehearsal 6.00pm-8.00pm

Friday 30th March

Good Friday Children's Activities 1.45pm-3.00pm

Sunday 1st April

Easter Day Eucharist arrive by 9.00am

Wednesday 4th/11th April

NO REHEARSALS FOR Y.E.S!

Saturday 14th April

Y.E.S! Bell-ringing workshop - tour of St. Eth's bell tower and a chance to ring the bells followed by a little singing, then pizzas etc. 2pm-5pm

Sunday 15th April

St. Eth's All-Age Eucharist 9.30am - arrive by 9.00am

Wednesday 18th April

Y.E.S! Rehearsal 6.00pm-7.00pm

Wednesday 25th April

Y.E.S! Rehearsal 6.00pm-7.00pm

Sunday 29th April

Y.E.S! singing at 11.30am Eucharist at St. Luke's Church, on the roundabout, Hatfield. Rehearsal 11.00am service will be finished by 12.15pm

Wednesday 2nd May

Y.E.S! Rehearsal 6.00pm-7.00pm

Saturday 5th May

Wedding 1.00pm – rehearsal at 12.30pm

Wednesday 9th May

Y.E.S! Rehearsal 6.00pm-8.00pm

Sunday 13th May

Y.E.S! singing at Choral Evensong at Barley Church, nr. Royston, Herts. (Revd's Ruth and Richard Pyke) Rehearsal 3pm/service- 5pm. Transport from St. Eth's at 2.00pm (cars).

Wednesday 16th May

Y.E.S! Rehearsal 6.00pm-7.00pm

Sunday 20th May

**St. Eth's All-Age Eucharist 9.30am - arrive by 9.00am
Announcement of Head and Deputy Head Choristers**

Wednesday 23rd May

Y.E.S! Rehearsal 6.00pm-7.00pm

Wednesday 30th May

NO - Y.E.S! Half-term break

Wednesday 6th June
Saturday 9th June

Y.E.S! Rehearsal 6.00pm-7.00pm
Wedding 1.00pm – rehearsal at 12.30pm

Wednesday 13th June
Saturday 16th June
Sunday 17th June

Y.E.S! Rehearsal 6.00pm-7.00pm
Wedding 2.30pm – rehearsal at 2.00pm
St. Eth's All-Age Eucharist 9.30am - arrive by 9.00am

Wednesday 20th June
Sunday 24th June

Y.E.S! Rehearsal 6.00pm-8.00pm
Choral Evensong for Patronal Festival
Rehearsal 4.00pm/ Service at 6.00pm

Wednesday 27th June
Wednesday 4th July
Saturday 7th July
Sunday 8th July

Y.E.S! Rehearsal 6.00pm-7.00pm
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Y.E.S! singing at "Thelma and Friends" Concert 7.00pm
Y.E.S! garden party. 3.00pm at Catriona, Emma and Ian's –
Potters Bar.

Wednesday 11th July
Sunday 15th July

Y.E.S! Rehearsal 6.00pm-7.00pm
last YES! rehearsal before Summer break
St. Eth's All-Age Eucharist 9.30am - arrive by 9.00am

NO Y.E.S! REHEARSALS UNTIL SEPTEMBER – BUT....

Advance notices:

Friday 24th August

Wedding - not enough people have committed to this so I have had to say that YES! will **not** sing.

Monday 3rd September

Y.E.S! training morning at St. Eth's followed by afternoon activity sessions at Phasels Wood, Kings Langley
I NEED TO BOOK THIS SO PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR AVAILABILITY – MOST SCHOOLS GO BACK ON TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY.

Wednesday 5th September

Y.E.S! Rehearsal 6.00pm-7.00pm

Saturday 24th November

Wedding 11.30am – rehearsal 10.45am
Jill and Mark's daughter Rebekah and her fiancé, Richard