

# Y.E.S!

## YOUNG ETH'S SINGERS!

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*Patron: Lady Salisbury*

Dear singers, parents, and friends,

Welcome to our 33<sup>rd</sup> Newsletter for **Y.E.S!** – packed with information and news about what we have achieved recently and all our activities in the next few months.



Y.E.S! waiting to sing at a wedding in December, 2019.



Maria, Sophie and Evelyn who were confirmed by the Bishop of St. Albans at Candlemas.

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, three members of **Y.E.S!** as well as several parents and a grandfather were confirmed in their Christian faith by Bishop Alan in a special choral service at St. Mary's, North Mymms; please keep Maria, Sophie, Evelyn, Candy, Rachel-Lee, Melinda and Vladimir in your prayers as they move onwards in their Christian journey.

We are looking forward to a very special concert with St. Albans Cathedral Choir on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February**. As part of the concert we have been invited to sing an anthem with them under the leadership of their Director of Music, Andrew Lucas – this is a fantastic opportunity to hear and sing alongside this world-renowned choir in our very own church, so please buy your tickets now!

On **Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>**, **Y.E.S!** is heading off to St. Albans to visit the cathedral, have tea and attend choral evensong sung by the Cathedral Choristers. We are looking forward to the trip - singing on the coach, our tour and activity in the Cathedral, tea in the Abbott's Kitchen and the best seats for Choral Evensong. Thank you to the generous donors to the St. Eth's Choral Scholarship Fund which is funding this visit.

We would like to welcome Kanmi, Hannah and Vinnie who have just started singing with us. There are currently 21 choristers and 3 probationers in **Y.E.S!** with a waiting list for new singers. **Y.E.S!** is a non-auditioned choir – all children can sing, and with guidance and encouragement can achieve a wonderful sound together. ***The most important factor is commitment to the team as we work together in the service of God and each other.***

Congratulations to Maria, Matthew and Evelyn, who have been awarded their dark blue ribbons and to Sophie, for her red ribbon. This term we have an extra RSCM ribbon training session on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April (during the Easter holidays- see calendar below) as well as the usual sessions from 5.15pm-5.45pm on Wednesdays. ***Please make sure that the children bring their workbooks to every training session – and encourage them to complete any work set as soon as possible so that they make good progress towards their next ribbon.***

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and commitment. We have lots of happening in the next few months, including services for Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday and Easter - **so please check the calendar below.**

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**CALENDAR –through to April 2020 (Red text = services/events)**

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

***If your child is fortunate to have a place in Y.E.S!, please commit to the team as we work together in the service of God and each other. Attendance is expected at all rehearsals, services and events in the calendar during term-time with prior written notice required for all un-avoidable absences. Thank you.***

**Rehearsals start at 5.45pm promptly.** Arriving late disrupts the rehearsal and also means that the voice can be damaged by going straight into some of our more challenging work without a warm-up. Please show respect to everyone in the team by arriving promptly for rehearsals and services.

**\* rehearsals continue until 8pm – please bring drink + small snack**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

**Y.E.S! Rehearsal 5.45pm - 7pm**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February**

**Concert with St. Albans Cathedral Choir**

**Rehearsal time 5pm-5.30pm / Concert at 7pm.**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**Y.E.S! Rehearsal 5.45pm - 7pm**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**RSCM ribbon training 10am-1pm**

Light blue 10am-11am/DB 11am-12 noon/Red 12-1pm

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**Y.E.S! Rehearsal 5.45pm - 7pm**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March** **Y.E.S!** Trip to St. Albans Cathedral for tour, tea and service. Coach leaves from bottom of Fore Street at 1pm promptly and returns at 6pm.

**\*Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** **Y.E.S!** Rehearsal 5.45pm -8pm  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** **Mothering Sunday All-Age Eucharist**  
arrive by 9am for rehearsal – service at 9.30am

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** **Y.E.S!** Rehearsal 5.45pm - 7pm  
**\*Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** **Y.E.S!** Rehearsal 5.45pm- 8pm

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April** **Palm Sunday Procession and Eucharist**  
arrive by 9am for rehearsal – service at 9.30am

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April** **Palm Sunday Choral Evensong 4pm – Rehearsal 2.30pm**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April** **Y.E.S!** Training afternoon – Vocal coaching, activities and rehearsal from 2pm-5pm. No rehearsal 5.45pm-7pm

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April** **Easter Day Eucharist**  
arrive by 9am for rehearsal – service at 9.30am

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April** **NO Y.E.S!** Rehearsal – Easter holiday

**\*Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** **Y.E.S!** Rehearsal 5.45pm- 8pm  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April** **St. Eth's Choir with Y.E.S!** to sing Choral Evensong at St. Albans Cathedral – rehearsal 4.15pm at St. Albans

**ALL PARENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING THEIR OWN CHILDREN. THERE IS NO PARKING AT THE CATHEDRAL. PLEASE ARRANGE LIFT SHARES AND ARRIVE IN PLENTY OF TIME TO PARK AND WALK TO THE CATHEDRAL BY 4PM PLEASE. (Service at 6.30pm)**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April** **Y.E.S!** Rehearsal 5.45pm - 7pm

***Some Advance notices: (dates known so far – several more tbc including weddings)***

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May** **All-Age Eucharist**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June** **Y.E.S!** Concert 3pm

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June** **All-Age Eucharist**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June** **Choral Evensong 6pm**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July** **Stand-up Paddle-boarding and picnic at Stanborough Park**  
**1pm start for the activity**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July** **All-Age Eucharist**

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