

Choir Section

Junior Choirs :

Adjudicator : Ben Costello, BMus PGDip MA FRSA FISM

Classes to be held on 24th or 25th April 2026.

Age limit is year 13 or the equivalent on 1st April 2026

Classes JC1 and JC2 are open to school choirs only, all other classes are open to all Junior Choirs (including schools)

Adult/Open Choirs :

Adjudicator : Adrian Goss, BMus, ARAM, GRSM, FTCL, LRAM, LGSM, ARCO(CHM), FISM, FRSA

Classes to be held on 18th April 2026.

Choirs should include at least 75% of members aged 18 or over

Additional Information for Choirs :

Classes to be held at; St John the Evangelist Church, Bridge Street, Derby, DE1 1DY or DE1 3HZ.

Choirs should perform by memory, with the only exception being the non-competitive classes where it is encouraged only.

Accompaniments can be by piano or backing track – however backing tracks should be instrumental only with no vocals. If you require an accompanist the Festival can arrange one for the day, however any rehearsals prior to the festival competition day will need to be arranged with the accompanist by the Choir and may be charged directly by the Accompanist.

Performing from photocopies is strictly forbidden and may result in disqualification with no refund of entrance fees.

Please note : The Adjudicator must be provided with the sheet music. A photocopy may be provided – however, it will be destroyed after the festival. Please ensure any original downloads are clearly marked as such at the top of the front sheet to ensure they are returned to the Entrant and not destroyed.

Class	No.	Fee	Age Group	Information	Trophy
Junior Choir Classes					
School Choir – Primary	JC1	D	Year 6 and under	Two contrasting own choice pieces. An attempt at least 2 part harmony is expected at some point during each song. Time limit 8 mins	June Longdon Shield
School Choir – Senior	JC2	D	Years 7 – 13	Two contrasting own choice pieces. At least 2 part harmony is expected. Time limit 8 mins	Arts Festival Trophy

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Junior Choir Classes					
Musical Theatre Junior Choir	JC3	D	Up to Year 13	A programme of 3 pieces of contrasting style. Some harmony is expected. Time limit 15 mins including introduction/explanations.	Illsley Arts Trophy
Female Voices Junior Choir	JC4	D	Up to Year 13	Two contrasting own choice pieces. At least 2 part harmony is expected. Time limit 8 mins	Walter White Rose Bowl
Male Voices Junior Choir	JC5	D	Up to Year 13	Two contrasting own choice pieces. At least 2 part harmony is expected. Time limit 8 mins	Walter White Shield
Mixed Voice Junior Choir – singers of Primary School Age (up to Year 6)	JC6	D	Year 6 and under	Two contrasting own choice pieces. An attempt at least 2 part harmony is expected at some point during each song. Time limit 8 mins	Watkins Harmony Cup
Mixed Voice Junior Choir – singers of Senior School Age (up to Year 13)	JC7	D	Years 7 – 13	Two contrasting own choice pieces. At least 2 part harmony is expected. Time limit 8 mins	Ron Longdon Trophy
Mixed Voice Junior Choir - open	JC8	D	Up to Year 13	Two contrasting own choice pieces. At least 2 part harmony is expected. Time limit 8 mins	Joyce Wardle Memorial Cup
Church Choir - Junior	JC9	D	Up to Year 13	Two contrasting anthems. Time limit 10 mins.	Stanton Shield
Junior Choir – Non Competitive	JC10	D	Up to Year 13	Two contrasting anthems. Time limit 8 mins.	Certificate
Signed Singing and Voices Junior Choir	JC11	D	Up to Year 13	TWO contrasting own choice pieces. Time limit 8 mins.	Anne Huxley Rose Bowl
Junior Choir without Barriers	JC12	D	Up to Year 13 Open to choirs with additional needs	Up to two own choice pieces. Non-competitive - adjudication will be given but no mark.	Certificate
Junior Choir Concert Class – Open	JC13	D	Up to Year 13	No requirement for previous entry in another class Own choice programme of 3-4 pieces. A varied programme is expected; content, presentation and audience appeal will be taken into account by the adjudicator. Time limit 20 mins - including introductions/explanations.	Turner Trophy

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Adult Choirs					
Non-competitive Community Choir Class	AC1	E	Open	Two own choice pieces. Some harmony is expected. An adjudication will be given but no mark. Time limit 10 mins. Certificate for all entrants	Certificate
Non-competitive Choir without Barriers	AC2	E	Open to choirs with additional needs	Up to three own choice pieces of any genre. Time limit 12 mins. Non-competitive, adjudication will be given but no mark. Certificate for all entrants	Certificate
Male Barbershop Quartet	AC3	E	Open	Unaccompanied. Two contrasting pieces, one of which should have been written 1940 - 1959. Time limit 10 mins.	Ritchie Cup
Female Barbershop Quartet	AC4	E	Open	Unaccompanied. Two contrasting pieces, one of which should have been written 1940 - 1959. Time limit 10 mins.	Fitzherbert Wright Rose Bowl
Male Barbershop Choir	AC5	F	Open	Unaccompanied. Two contrasting pieces, one of which should have been written 1930 - 1950. Time limit 10 mins.	Jack Rouse Memorial Trophy
Female Barbershop Choir	AC6	F	Open	Unaccompanied. Two contrasting pieces, one of which should have been written 1930 - 1950. Time limit 10 mins.	Miriam Harding Rose Bowl
Female Choir	AC7	F	Open	Two own choice pieces from different genres – i.e Classical and Musical Theatre, Folk and Jazz, etc. Time limit 10 mins	May Selby Memorial Rose Bowl
Male Choir	AC8	F	Open	Two own choice pieces from different genres – i.e Classical and Musical Theatre, Folk and Jazz, etc. Time limit 10 mins	Ashbourne Cecilia Choir Cup
Mixed Voice Choir	AC9	F	Open	Two own choice pieces from different genres – i.e Classical and Musical Theatre, Folk and Jazz, etc. Time limit 10 mins	Mayfield Choral Cup
Church Choir	AC10	F	Open	Two contrasting anthems. Time limit 10 mins.	Rita Lewin Rose Bowl
Contemporary Music Songs	AC11	F	Open	Two own choice pieces written between 1970 and present day. Some harmony and an appropriate singing style is expected. Time limit 10 mins.	Rose Hill Musical Society Memorial Trophy

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Musical Theatre Choir	AC12	F	Open	Two pieces of contrasting style. Some harmony is expected. Time limit 15 mins including introduction/explanations.	Gilvan Cup
Open Choir Class	AC13	F	Open	Two own choice pieces of any genre. Some harmony and an appropriate singing style is expected. Time limit 10 mins.	Trophy
Concert Class	AC14	G	Open	No requirement for previous entry in another class Own choice programme of 3-4 pieces. A varied programme is expected; content, presentation and audience appeal will be taken into account by the adjudicator. Time limit 20 mins - including introductions/explanations.	Mrs G Kidman Cup