

CHOIR OF ST. PAUL'S INVITED TO BE CHOIR-IN-RESIDENCE AT WELLS CATHEDRAL, ENGLAND IN JULY 2022

The Choir of St. Paul's has been invited to be the choir-in-residence at Wells Cathedral, England in July 2022, at the close of the Choir School's 15th season.

In this 2022 residency, from Monday, July 18 through Sunday, July 24, the Choir of St. Paul's (boy and girl Choristers from age 10, Teens, and Chancel Choir members) will be the choir for Evensong and also for the Sunday morning Choral Eucharist and Matins at Wells Cathedral. This magnificent Anglican cathedral dates from 1175, the first English cathedral built entirely in the Gothic style. The Vicars' Close, where the men of the cathedral choir live and where boys and girls of the choir now also have their school classes, is the only completely medieval street remaining in England. The cathedral campus neighbors the exquisite grounds of the moated Bishop's Palace.



A cathedral residency offers the Choir of St. Paul's a unique experience of immersion in the daily rhythm of sung Evensong, becoming a part of this tradition dating from 1549 in the world-wide Anglican communion. The discipline of the preparations for the residency offers a profoundly enriching opportunity for each singer individually and for the choir. The joy of singing and leading worship at a cathedral for one week is a tremendous life experience.

We are thrilled for a new generation of choristers to have this experience in July 2022 at Wells Cathedral. To be eligible to participate in the July 2022 residency, singers must be dedicated members of the Choir of St. Paul's from September 2021, and at least 10 years old by July 2022. Contact Susan Jane Matthews, Director of Music, for more information. smatthews@stpaulsburlingame.org

The Wells Cathedral residency is being arranged through Charter Travel. (www.charter-travel.com) In addition to the focus of singing eight services in place of the cathedral choir, the itinerary for the choir will include a free Thursday, during which the choir will visit the Cotswolds, including the villages of Tewkesbury, Burford, and Bibury. In the other weekday mornings, **perform in concert at Berkeley Castle and the Chapel of Wells Bishop's Palace**, and visit local attractions including Stonehenge, Stourhead Gardens, and Glastonbury Abbey and Tor. A Friends of Music Dinner will be held at the Bishop's Palace on Friday evening, July 22.

