Archdiocese of Liverpool

Choir Chaperones

Information for applicants

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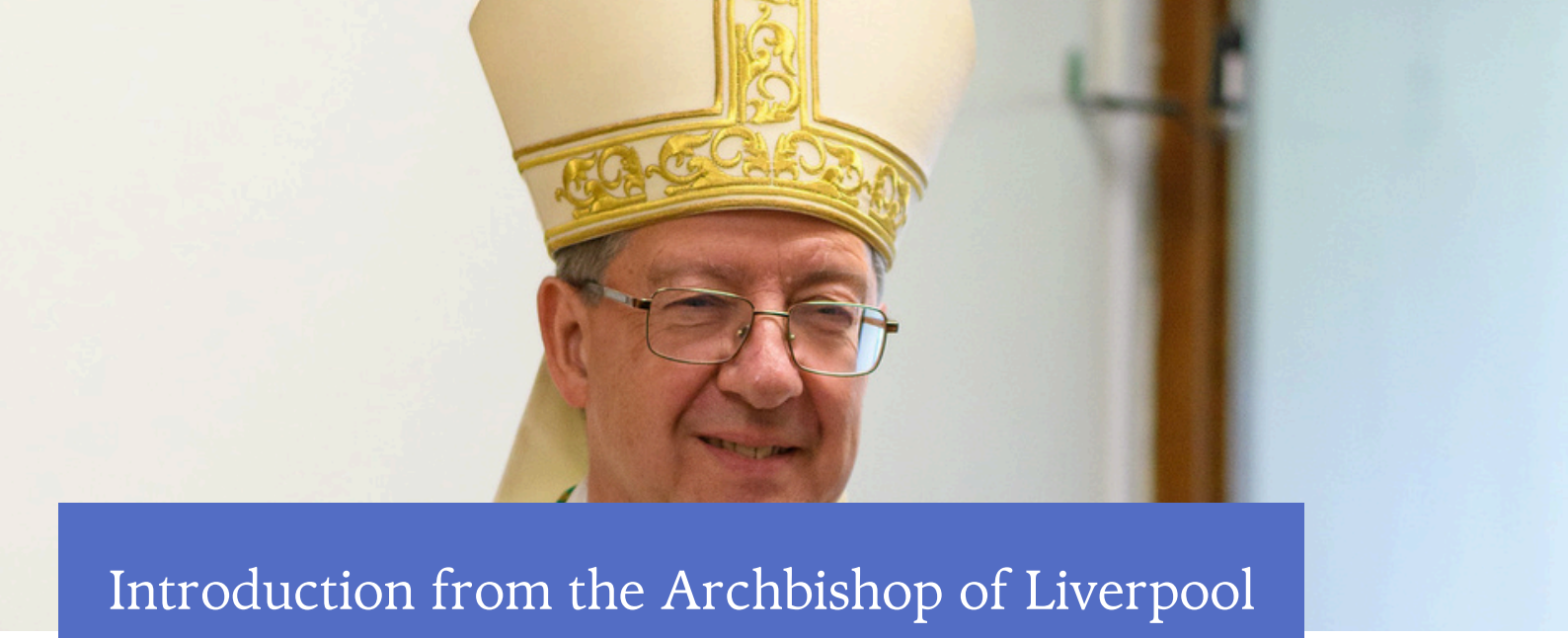

Introduction from the Archbishop of Liverpool

Thank you for your interest in a career at the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

As an archdiocese, we serve thousands of people every week through our parishes, schools, partnerships and local communities.

It is a significant time in the life of our archdiocese, as we continue to walk together on the journey set out by our Pastoral Plan in becoming the Church God calls us to be. This plan outlines a clear mission for the future of our Church and every single member of staff plays a vital role in helping us achieve this.

As an employer, we offer wide range of benefits and a place to develop your career in an environment where every member of staff is valued and encouraged to develop fully their gifts.

We are looking for people whose values align with ours and are passionate about playing a key role in the next steps of our journey.

Thank you again for considering a role within our archdiocese. Each person contributes to our wider mission. I am grateful for your interest in joining us in this important work.

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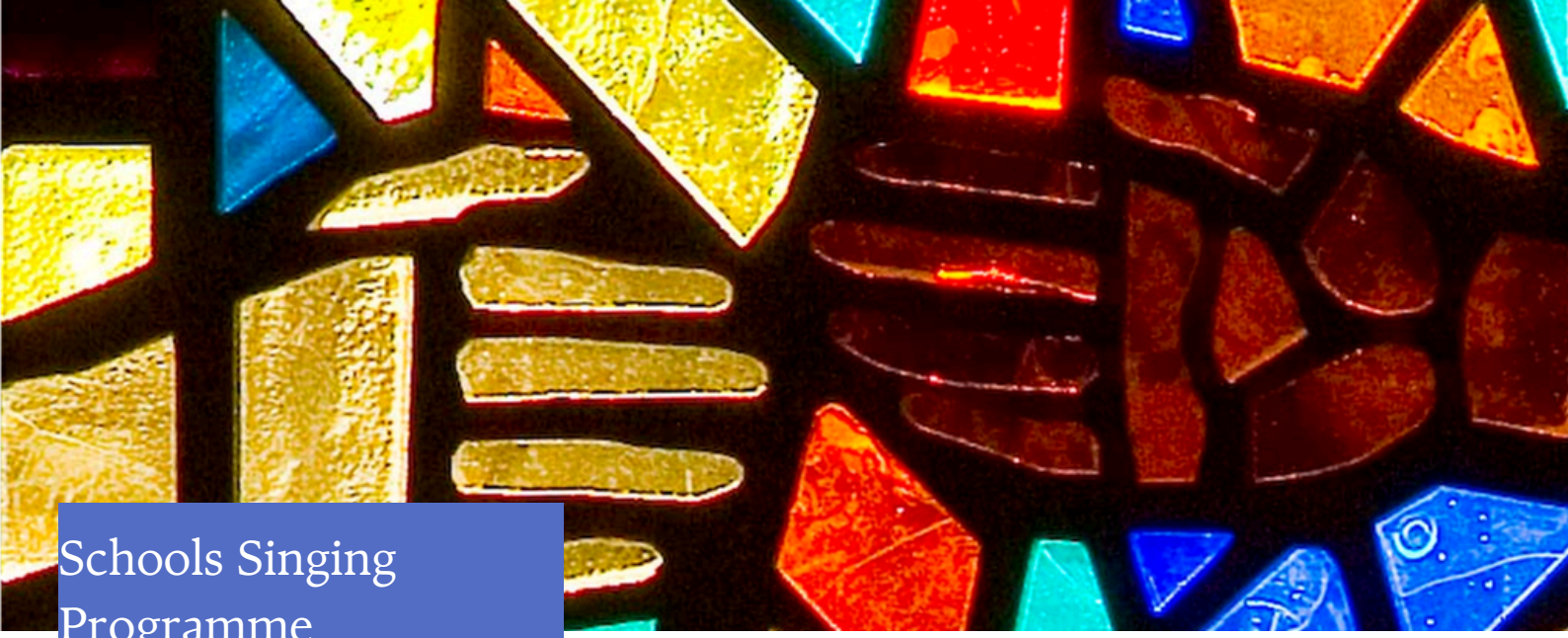
Most Reverend John Sherrington
Archbishop of Liverpool



Schools Singing Programme

The music department provides staffing and resources for the Schools Singing Programme (SSP) and music in the Metropolitan Cathedral. Launched in 2022, with the aim of bringing together schools, parishes and the archdiocese to spread the good news of the Gospel in song, the singing programme currently engages with nearly 6000 children each week in schools across the archdiocese.

Choral Directors visit partner schools on a weekly basis, leading singing sessions utilising both sacred and secular repertoire, to inspire, catechise and enthuse young people through music.

SSP Area Choirs

Children in partner schools in Knowsley, Lancashire, Liverpool, Sefton, Widnes & Wigan (from Sept 2026) have the opportunity to become members of local Catholic Children's Choirs, performing regularly in concerts and leading music in parish liturgies, with plans for more choirs in other areas to follow.

Cathedral Choristers

Music is provided at 10 regular liturgies each week.
The Cathedral choir consists of around 60 boy and girl choristers (age 7-16) who sing at the daily choral liturgies alongside the adult Lay Clerks.
The Cathedral Youth Choir acts as a musical stepping-stone for ex-choristers.

About the Role

Choir Chaperones

The Department of Music within the archdiocese of Liverpool are seeking Choir Chaperones to support the music department in their work by supervising choristers and other young people under 18 under our care, ensuring their safety and wellbeing.

Key Responsibilities

To chaperone young singers at rehearsals/ performances as required, working alongside music department staff to provide pastoral care that creates a safe and secure environment.
To chaperone the young singers transit (eg, cathedral chorister's travel from the choir school to the cathedral on weekdays; area choir concert performances further afield).
To supervise and support the young singers at all times when they are in the care of the archdiocese, ensuring they are ready to follow timetables issued by music staff.
To supervise the drop off, collection of young singers before and after rehearsals, services, concerts etc.
To ensure maintenance and laundering of choir apparel (eg cassocks/surplices) as required.
To ensure that the spaces used by young singers are kept neat and tidy and free from rubbish.
To complete a register at rehearsals and events on and off site, providing a brief written report after every rehearsal.
To liaise with music staff as required with regards to pastoral matters affecting the young singers, making a clear written record of any concerns for submission in a timely manner.
To act as a first point of contact with parents/ guardians of young singers while on duty, particularly relating to absence, lateness or illness.
To understand and comply with the Archdiocese of Liverpool obligations with regards to the relevant safeguarding policy and procedures.
To report any matters of concern to the Archdiocese Safeguarding Coordinator as soon as they arise.
To attend chaperones meetings on a termly basis, and as required.

About the Role

Choir Chaperones

Chaperones will work variable hours to provide cover at choirs led by the archdiocese primarily at the following locations and times:

Space Centre, St Columba's Catholic Primary School, Hillside Road, Huyton, L36 BBL
Knowsley Catholic Children's Choir [Wed 15.45-17.15]

St John Fisher Parish Centre, 55 Moorfield Road, Widnes, WA8 3JA
Widnes Catholic Children's Choir [Mon 15.45-17.15]

Wigan (Venue TBC)
Wigan Catholic Children's Choir [Tues 15.45 -17.15]

St Mary's Church Parish Hall, Church Road, Liverpool, L25 SJF
Liverpool Catholic Children's Choir (South) [Tues 16.45-18.15]

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TQ
Cathedral Choristers [Tues, Wed, Thurs 14.30-18.00; Sun 09.15-16.00]
Cathedral Youth Choir [Mon 14.30-18.00]
Liverpool Catholic Children's Choir (Central) [Mon 16.15-17.45]

Newly appointed chaperones will be assigned a 'home base' but will be assigned to duties as required
by operational need across all current, and future, locations.
The regular schedule is frequently amended due to additional performances, liturgical requirements etc.

Terms and Conditions

Salary
The salary is 13.45 Per hour.

Working Hours
This role is permanent, working flexibly on a rota basis during the academic year for 40 weeks according to a rota to meet the needs of the Archdiocese (availability to be agreed at interview)

Location
Contractual base of work will be assigned as one of the current, or future locations that the Archdiocese of Liverpool operates choirs for young people. Travel across the sites of the Archdiocese will be required to fulfill this role.

DBS
The post holder will require an enhanced disclosure and barring service check and will be required to apply for a Council Chaperone License.

Annual leave
Holiday accrual will be calculated at 15.56% of hours worked. Holidays can only be taken during school holidays.

Pension
Employees will be enrolled into the People's Pension Scheme with a contribution rate of 4% and 4% contributed by the employer. On request, the archdiocese will match employee contributions up to 6% of their pensionable salary.

Other benefits
We offer are a range of other benefits including a pension salary sacrifice scheme, subsidised Lifestyles gym membership, cycle to work scheme, life assurance scheme, enhanced parental leave pay and 24/7 Employee Assistance Programme including online GP facility.

How to Apply
Visit the careers page on our website http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers to apply online.

The closing date for applications is 13th November 2026.
Interviews will be held week commencing 23rd November 2026.

Information you provide in your application will be used only for the purpose of recruitment and will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

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