

Dear All,

It's been such a positive start to the term at Loughborough Children's Choir. The children have settled into a good pattern in working together with a buddy system, with the older children being paired with a younger or newer member to help them. The addition of Emily as our Assistant Director means that we can work more effectively on singing in parts. The children are all well on their way towards improving their voices and musicianship! Great progress so far, let's keep these high standards up. Thank you to many of you who have made an effort to get in contact with me if your child is unable to attend any rehearsals or performances - it really helps me to plan ahead and know who needs to sing which part etc.

1. The next service we are singing at All Saint's will be on **Sunday 12th October** - arrive at 9.30 as usual so we will have enough time to warm up and rehearse with the adult choir - the service should finish by 12pm. This will be the first outing of the pieces we have been rehearsing over the last few weeks: God be in my head and Come down O love divine. Please let me know well in advance if your child(ren) are unable to attend.

2. We have taken the decision not to take part in the RSCM festival this year in an official capacity. The music this year is trickier than last year and we don't feel we would have enough rehearsal time to spare to adequately learn the pieces. This is not to say that your children can't attend under their own steam, but you would have to stay with them and be responsible for them. They could sit with me to sing and there are plenty of people who do go independently of a group so you would be quite welcome to do this. I am on the RSCM committee, so do contact me for more information or to purchase a booklet (£3) and I'd be happy to help.

3. Diaries at the ready! Change of date for the Christmas Tree Festival morning concert. This will be on **Saturday 22nd November 10-11am** (it is now also correct on loughchoir.co.uk/calendar). We will have a tree on display again this year, so get thinking about tree decoration designs, I'll be asking for decorations after half term of a 'musical/choir' theme.

That's all for now - see you on Wednesday!

Thanks and best wishes,
Emma Trounson