

Loughborough Children's Choir

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware the choir has now moved to All Saints church. Thank you for your patience as we sorted out the venue for our rehearsals. I hope you are as delighted as I am to be in the church itself now. The reason we initially opted for Fearon Hall before was that the heating in the church was poor. This has been sorted now, so we are able to rehearse in the church in comfort.

Having made the move to our new home, and with Christmas approaching, I thought I would take the opportunity to highlight a few dates for your diary and give some information about our use of the church during rehearsals.

Dates for your Diary

1. Rainbows concert, **Wednesday 5th December, 7:30pm** at **Emmanuel Church**. Please **arrive at 7pm** for a warm up. This is a charity concert and we will perform four songs in the first half. **Please note there is no normal rehearsal that evening.**
2. Christmas Tree Festival, **Saturday 8th December, 12-12:30pm** at **All Saints Church**. Please **arrive at 11:50am**. This is an annual fund raising event for the church. The children will sing three or four songs to entertain the visitors as they come to look at the Christmas trees. There will be other choirs from schools performing from 11am if you would like to see these as well.
3. Christmas Concert, **Saturday 15th December, 6pm** (please note the earlier time) at **All Saints Church**. Please **arrive at 5:15pm**. This concert will also include items from the older Angels choir and a few readings and solos. There will be refreshments and a retiring collection.

For these events please wear smart clothes in Christmassy colours, like red and green.

There are also two dates for next year that I would like to bring to your attention. The first is **7pm Saturday 9th March**. This date is subject to confirmation in January. The current plan for this date is to do another concert in All Saints Church, this time with some choirs from local schools.

The next date is a really exciting one for me. I am getting married at **1pm on Saturday 6th April** at St Bartholomew's Church, Kirby Muxloe! I would be really delighted to have children's choir sing at my wedding!

Please do keep checking the choir's website, <http://loughchoir.co.uk> for updates to these details and any further dates for your diary.

Information About Rehearsals in All Saints

During our first few rehearsals at All Saints we have kept the church unlocked. Unfortunately it has become apparent that we must now lock the doors during rehearsals. This is because we have had strangers coming into the building during the rehearsal who are curious to see the church. Apart from the fact that it is difficult to keep an eye on the door while we are rehearsing, this also presents an issue for the safety of your children. Therefore, from next week, **the church doors will be locked between 5:40pm and 6:25pm**. You will not be able to gain access to the church between these times.

You are, of course, welcome to stay for the entire rehearsal. If you do, though, we would ask that you keep talking and activity to a minimum so that the children can concentrate on their singing. We would like to point out that any children who are not part of the choir are the parent's

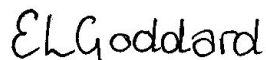
responsibility. Please do keep a close eye on any toddlers in particular. All Saints is an ancient church and needs to be treated with respect. It was not built to be toddler proof! Having said that, there is a play area at the back of the church by the organ which children who are not in the choir are welcome to use.

Finally

In the next couple of weeks we will be asking you again for all your contact details and anything we should know about your child in case of emergency. I realise most of you will have provided that information already, but now we have moved our base, we are required to collect this information again. At this time I will also be asking you for your e-mail addresses. It is my hope that I will be able to have an e-mail address for everybody. This way I can send you information about the choir without having to use paper. Please be reassured that I will be the only one who stores the e-mail address and I will only use them for information about the choir.

Thank you for bringing your children to the choir. I am delighted with how it is progressing. I hope you are too. We have an exciting future ahead of us!

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "EL Goddard". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Miss Emma Louise Goddard MA
Director of Loughborough Children's Choir