

# *MUSIC at St Laurence*



# The Choir of St Laurence Church, Hawkhurst

- Our organist, Andrew Davis, has been running our music here at St Laurence for many years now. As a boy, he was a professional chorister at the Temple Church, trained by Sir George Thalben-Ball and was even for a few years co-chorister with THE Ernest Lough (“*Oh for the wings of a dove*”)!
- Andrew’s first instrument is, in fact, the viola. Indeed, he is often to be seen leading the viola section at concerts given by local choral societies.

## ORCHESTRA

- Once a month, we try to get together some instrumentalists to accompany the hymns. If you play, please make contact!

## CONGREGATIONAL CHOIR

- Every so often, just for fun, we get together on a Saturday afternoon, to prepare an anthem for the Sunday morning. We work together for a while ... then have tea together. NO commitment: just A GOOD SING!

## COME AND SING!

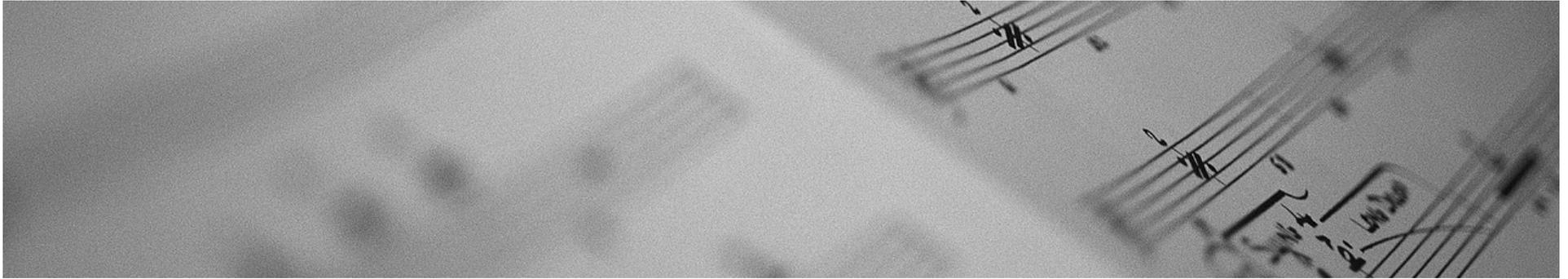
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## *ABOUT US!*





## A SENSE OF MISSION

In recent months, we have suddenly had an influx of young singers. We are honoured and delighted and believe that our Lord is at work here.

The feedback we are receiving from these children and from their parents is that our young choristers are really enjoying singing with us. They are learning new music, repertoire they might not otherwise have encountered ... and it seems that they are LOVING IT! They are also learning about the life of our church.

*The attendance record of our young singers is noted, week by week ... and, from time to time, a little extra pocket money will be provided!*

## FREE MUSICAL TRAINING!

As part of the deal, in the context of the preparation of the music for our Sunday services, we are able, as a member choir affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music, to offer our young singers musical training leading to awards which will be celebrated publically in church.

Choir practices are fun ... but, as choirmaster I always aim to make them challenging. There are therefore lessons to learn, singing with adults in a four-part choir, lessons about discipline and being part of a team where ADULT standards will be applied. But it will NEVER be threatening, I promise you.

We ALSO need new adults to sing with us! Given the above, do you dare?!

## Learning about COMMITMENT

We hold our weekly choir practice on FRIDAY EVENINGS in the centre of Hawkhurst (All Saints' Lodge, opposite the Colonnade) from 7 to 8 p.m..

We then urge choristers to appear at church at about 09.15 for a final run-through of the music planned for any Sunday service (10 a.m.).

A commitment would, obviously, be desirable for EVERY SUNDAY and EVERY FRIDAY EVENING but, these days, sadly, there's so much else going on. As Choirmaster, I shall always appreciate prior notice if you can't attend: this allows me to plan properly and ensure that all choir practices are brisk and professional.

COMMITMENT to our choir will certainly be rewarded—in various ways.

But, above all, our choir exists to beautify the worship at St Laurence, Hawkhurst. We love our job!

*AMDG: to the greater glory of God.*