



Have you ever thought of singing in the choir?

We'd love to have you with us!

A choir can be a useful aid to the liturgy, by introducing new hymns and particularly Mass parts to the congregation and by encouraging the people's singing. A bit of part-singing can enhance well-known hymns, and the occasional choral piece can also be of interest.

That is what we in the St Michael's choir aim to do. We are not high-fliers, but we try to reach the best standard that we can, and we do enjoy ourselves in the process.

Would you like to join us?

When do we sing?

At Christmas, Holy Week and Easter, and other important occasions. We also try to sing on the last Sunday of each month at 11.00 Mass.

When do we practise?

On Tuesday evenings at 7.00 in the church for an hour about three times a month.

Who is eligible?

Everyone! We don't have auditions. You know yourself if you can sing. If you can't, your family will have told you! All adult voices are needed, but we are very short of SOPRANOS, so they would be especially welcome.

Voice not very strong?

That's a good thing in a church choir, as the aim is to blend with the congregation, rather than dominate.

Can't read music?

Don't let that stop you. There are audio tracks for the different voices available for home listening. Also, it's amazing how many people actually learn to read music just by coming to choir and following the dots. And SOPRANOS, most of the time you have the main tune, which you will already know!

Wondering about commitment?

Three Tuesday practices and one 11.00 Sunday Mass per month are the norm. There may be one or two extra practices before the really big occasions, but these are always followed by a

break, and there is a long break over the summer. Not everyone can get to every single practice, but we hope people will come to most of them.

How about just Christmas and Easter?

Yes, just singing with us on the big occasions would be fine. We'd let you know the practice dates in advance.

What about 9 o'clock Mass-goers?

We have some already, but if enough joined, we could have choral singing at both Masses.

Interested?

Contact Patricia (pprussell@blueyonder.co.uk 07980 017669) or just come up to the gallery and meet us after Mass.

We do hope you'll come along and join us. As well as contributing to the liturgy, singing in the choir is really good fun!

