



# THE CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, SERVING CHARVIL, SONNING AND SONNING EYE

## Intrepid Voices

“Intrepid Voices” is an 8-week singing course run by St. Andrew’s Church, Sonning, which is open to anyone keen to learn about choral singing. It is designed for children in school years 5-7, although we would also accept some singers outside this range in consultation with their parents.

The course will be run by Mr Richard Meehan, our Director of Music and organist, whose 20-year career in music education included Head of Department roles in Reading School and Reading Blue Coat.

### Place

Rehearsals will take place in The Ark, St. Andrew’s wonderful multi-purpose hall.

### Times

Rehearsals take place from 5:00pm to 6:00pm on Thursdays except for half-term. Singers are asked to arrive at around 4:45pm – 4:50pm to get registered and prepared as well as to socialise with the other singers.

Parents are welcome to come and listen to the week’s progress from 5:45pm.

Squash and biscuits will be provided for singers as well as teas and coffees for parents after rehearsal.

### Dates

Rehearsals take place on the following dates:

Thursday May 2nd

Thursday June 6th

Thursday May 9th

Thursday June 13th

Thursday May 16th

Thursday June 20th

Thursday May 23rd

Thursday June 27th

Special awards will be given to all singers who achieve perfect attendance, and anyone enrolling should make sure they can attend a minimum of five sessions before committing.

### Final performance SUNDAY 7th JULY

The course works towards a service of Choral Evensong in the historic St. Andrew’s Church on the 7th of July at 4:00pm – with a rehearsal from 3:00pm on the same day. Parents and wider family are especially welcome to attend this service.

As well as the Evensong performance, singers will also work towards achieving their RSCM Voice for Life White Award, which will be presented at Evensong on the 7th of July.

### Individual Singing Lessons

Short individual singing lessons will be provided as part of the course by Mrs Tania Pratt, a highly experienced singing teacher in the local area.

### Intrepid Voices - Safeguarding Policy Summary

- Full parental consent will be sought for each child taking part in Intrepid Voices with a clear overview of the course provided to all participants.
- Emergency telephone contacts will be collected and kept together with the register, which will be brought to each rehearsal.
- All adults involved, including volunteers will be DBS cleared and Safe-guarding trained following St. Andrew’s general policy.
- Staffing ratios will be one adult to every five singers, with two adults available for every room used.
- Individual private toilet facilities are available.
- Lead adults will collect and heed any relevant medical issues the singers may have.
- In the event of conditions which might produce serious situations, personal care plans will be written in collaboration with the parents.



# Intrepid Voices - Enrolment Form

*Please return a scan of this completed document to [music@sonningparish.org.uk](mailto:music@sonningparish.org.uk) before attending your first rehearsal.*

Name: .....

Date of Birth: .....

School: .....

Home Address: .....

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Contact email: .....

Emergency Contact Number: .....

Name and relationship to young person: .....

Reserve emergency contact number: .....

Name and relationship to young person: .....

Please give details of any relevant medical conditions we should be aware of:

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To enable us to tailor the musical experience, it would be helpful to have any details regarding your child's previous musical experience, please give details here:

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I would like my child to take part in Intrepid Voices 2024 as detailed in this document:

Signed: ..... Name: .....

Date: .....