

### **Six Singers selected for Star Status**

The Dean of Canterbury, the Very Revd Robert Willis, will admit six new Choristers to the Cathedral choir at Evensong on Sunday 12th September 2004, and will install three Side Leaders and the Senior Chorister. The senior 10 boys in the choir are by ancient tradition called the Choristers, while the younger ones are Singing Boys.

The boys to be admitted as Choristers are: Benedict Preece (12) from Littlebourne; Daniel Wright (11) from Canterbury; Benjamin Fellows (11) from Bishopsbourne; Timothy Edlin (11) from Wingham; Ciaran Brogan Dove (11) from Ramsgate; and Richard Chuck (11) from Hoath.

The Side Leaders are: Edward Parson (12) from Sevenoaks; Daniel Simmons (12) from Canterbury; and Peter Wilkinson (12) from Glapthorn, near Oundle.

The Senior Chorister is Adam Southey (12) from River near Dover.

A new Organ Scholar joins the Cathedral musical team: Leon Charles (18) has been a pupil at the Purcell School in Bushey and will go on to St John's College, Cambridge after his year in Canterbury. Leon has won awards for his playing and achieved the highest organ playing diploma, the FRCO [Fellow of the Royal College of Organists], at the age of 17. The Dean will install him at the same ceremony.

Dr David Flood, the Cathedral Organist and Master of the Choristers, said earlier today "I am delighted to welcome the boys back from their Summer holiday. The Choir is looking forward to a successful year and we hope to have concert tour in Europe after Easter 2005. The auditions for new junior choristers, boys aged 7 and 8, will be held on 6th November 2004. I will be delighted to provide further details and may be contacted on 01227 865242".