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### **Canterbury Cathedral Chorister wins prestigious BBC Young Chorister competition**

Joel Whitewood, one of the choristers of Canterbury Cathedral, has won the prestigious BBC Young Chorister of the Year Award. The final was held on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at St Paul's Cathedral in London. Joel was one of four finalists in the category of boy chorister; the category for the female Chorister was won by Charlotte Louise McKechnie, who sings at Giffnock South Church, East Renfrewshire, in Scotland. The final will be broadcast on Radio 2 next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 8.00 pm.

Dr David Flood, the Organist and Master of the Choristers at Canterbury Cathedral, said earlier today "I am delighted with Joel's success, which was richly deserved. We only put forward choristers for this competition when they express their own wish to do so, but I had every confidence in Joel's ability and I am very pleased that his hard work has been rewarded."

Joel is away on half term enjoying a well earned rest but will be back at the Cathedral later this week to resume singing Evensong daily as well as the main Communion service on Sunday morning. All the Cathedral's choristers attend St Edmund's School in Canterbury. David Flood will soon be holding voice trials for boys wishing to join the choir next September - the voice trials will be held in Canterbury on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2007. David is looking to award five scholarships, which will include a substantial part of the school fees. The boys usually live in the Cathedral Precincts but their accommodation is currently undergoing a substantial renovation, so the boys are lodging at St Edmund's School until Easter 2008. For more information on this exciting and privileged opportunity, please contact David Flood on 01227 865242.

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Notes to Editors

- 1 I attach two photographs of Joel Whitewood. Please credit Canterbury Cathedral
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