



# Press Release

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## **New Choristers at Canterbury Cathedral**

The Dean of Canterbury, the Very Revd Dr Robert Willis, installed five new choristers during Evensong at Canterbury Cathedral on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2010. They are Michael Dianellou (from Minster-in-Thamet), Thomas Platts (from St Margaret's at Cliffe), Zachary Starr (from Littlebourne), Oliver Wells (from Crowborough), and Kyle Weston (from Folkestone). Also admitted were four Side Leaders (more experienced choristers) - Dominic Cordes (from Kingsdown), Cameron England (from Eastry), William Fellows (from Bridge), and Thomas Woods (from Tenterden) - as well as a new Senior Chorister, George Burns (from Herne)

Also admitted was the new Organ Scholar, Thomas Allery. Thomas has just come down from Worcester College Oxford, where he was the Organ Scholar, and he will assist David Flood with the Cathedral's music over the next year.

The Choristers have a busy life; as well as singing at Evensong six days a week, and for the main service on Sunday morning, they practise their singing every morning in the Cathedral and learn to play at least two instruments. The boys go to St Edmund's School Canterbury on generous scholarships and live in the Cathedral Precincts in the Choir House. Auditions for new choristers can be arranged at any time and the Voice Trial, for boys currently in year 3, will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> November at Choir House. Parents wishing to have more information about the possibility of their son becoming a chorister are welcome to contact Dr David Flood, the Cathedral's Organist and Master of the Choristers, by telephoning 01227 865242. Music and the choristers will be the highlight of this year's Cathedral Open Evening, which will be held on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, from 5.30 pm until 9.00 pm; entry is free for the whole evening when the Cathedral will be open, showcasing all the activities and skills that happen here, from stone masonry to flower arranging, and from bell ringing to exhibitions from the Library and Archives; everyone is very welcome to join in.

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Images are attached. Please credit Robert Berry

Choristers (4722a)

Rear: the Precentor, The Revd David Mackenzie Mills, The Dean of Canterbury, The Very Revd Dr Robert Willis, the Organist and Mater of the Choristers, Dr David Flood

Front (L to R) Oliver Wells (Crowborough), Kyle Weston (Folkestone), Michael Dianellou (Minster-in-Thamet), Zachary Starr (Littlebourne), Thomas Platts (St Margaret's at Cliffe)

Side Leaders and Senior Chorister (4725a)

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Front: (L to R) Dominic Cordes (Kingsdown), Thomas Woods (Tenterden), George Burns (Herne), William Fellows (Bridge), Cameron England (Eastry)

George Burns is the Senior Chorister.

Team Photo (4729a); see above for details

Thomas Allery (4748a).

Thomas Allery, the new Organ Scholar at Canterbury Cathedral, seated at the keyboard of the Great Organ.

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