



# St Peter's

Leckhampton  
Parish Church

Enjoy singing?  
Looking for a choir?  
New Year's resolution?  
Come and join us!

*Our fantastic established choir is currently expanding and seeking additional children and adult singers (soprano, alto, tenor, bass)*



*"That is a beautiful performance – what a brilliant choir you have!" Alexander L'Estrange (composer)*



*"A simply wonderful performance. It was stunning!" James Gilchrist (tenor)*

*"The choir of St. Peter's Leckhampton goes from strength to strength under the superlative musicianship of Kit Perona-Wright. His superb and friendly direction has brought the wonderful choir to new heights in this beautiful church. Singing in such a choir has myriad benefits and everyone should join. I would if I lived closer!" Thomas Hewitt-Jones (composer)*

## Benefits....

- It's totally free! No membership fee/everything provided (very rare in this day and age...)
- You receive a free musical education (with time away from staring at a screen...)
- You are part of a really friendly team and welcoming community
- Singing is scientifically proven to be good for you - body and mind (cheaper than the gym!)
- High musical standard without an onerous time commitment – fits in with family and professional life (take part on your own, or alongside other family members)
- Sing a wide range of repertoire from the 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Century including works such as Faure 'Requiem', Stainer 'Crucifixion'
- Children actually receive pocket money each term for taking part
- Cathedral visits

## Schedule...

- Rehearsal Friday 6.30-8pm (children) and 7-8pm (adults)
- Sunday 10am service (with 9.15am rehearsal)
- Occasional special services (Evensongs, Carol Services, Festival services, etc)

## Contact...

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**From the Director of Music**

Dr Kit Perona-Wright *EdD MA MEd BA(hons) FLCM FRSM FCCT FRSA ARCO dip.CHD*

Dear pupils and parents at Warden Hill Primary School,

I live in Warden Hill and both my children went to WHPS. Some of you may have seen me at the annual Christmas Carol service held in Cheltenham College Chapel – as I have the pleasure of playing the piano/organ for the school at that event. You will also know Rev Gary Grady, the vicar at St. Peter's Church, who – alongside Rev Lauren – comes to lead assemblies and services for the children at school throughout the year. So, I have a question for you and your children.....

What do the pop stars Ed Sheeran, Sir Elton John, Katy Perry, Justin Timberlake, Usher and the rapper Snoop-Dogg have in common? What about actors, sports stars and other celebrities such as Frank Lampard, Alistair Cook, Jamie Foxx, Anna Hathaway, Hugh Jackman, Sandra Bullock, Brad Pitt and Barack Obama?

Well, if you didn't already know - they all sang in a choir when they were younger!

In fact, Ed Sheeran is quoted as saying *"As a former chorister myself, I appreciate the benefits which singing brings to young people both physical and emotional. Singing teaches you lots of skills and provides many opportunities which will help, enrich and sustain you throughout life. There is nothing equal to the joy of performing wonderful music with other like-minded people."*

I hope that some of you (children and adults) either sing - or have sung - in a school choir, or maybe even a local community choir. However, I suspect that many of you probably do not. That may well be down to time pressures in all our busy lives, but I know that for some it might be a lack of belief or confidence that you 'can' actually do it. I want to encourage everyone – young or old – to sing and join a choir!

Please look at the poster accompanying this letter to find out a little more about the choir, what we do and when the rehearsals and services are. I hope that you will strongly consider joining - whether parents, children or both. We would love to welcome people on all voice parts – children, sopranos, altos, tenors and basses (yes – dads - that means you too...!). I meet far too many people that really regret not being brave enough to have taken part in a choir when they were younger, so I hope that some of you will take the step to join us – young or old. You can be assured of a really warm welcome (the choir and the church in general are really lovely and has a real sense of community/family) – and September is a great time to begin a new activity when the new school academic year starts. The autumn term has lots of lovely services to take part in, which include Harvest, Remembrance, Advent and, of course, all the lovely Christmas Carol services too.

For the youngest children (i.e. – in Year 3 or Year 4), it would be fine just coming to the first 30mins of the Friday evening rehearsal (6.30-7pm) and our Sunday morning service. Older children would definitely benefit from doing the whole rehearsal on a Friday (6.30-7pm just children, then 7-8pm children and adults together). Do contact the church for more information or if you have any questions (details on the poster), and I look forward to meeting some of you in due course.

With best wishes,