

Saint Thomas Church

1 West 53rd Street, New York, NY 10019

TENOR VACANCY The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

The twelve Choir Gentlemen (four of each voice part) normally sing five services per week during term time with the boy choristers, all of whom attend Saint Thomas Choir School, a residential school founded in 1919 by the church, and dedicated to providing the church's liturgical music within the Anglican choral tradition.

The five calls per week (\$175.00 per service + Thursday rehearsal \$131.00), along with various concerts (\$320 per concert + \$50 media fee + \$160 per concert rehearsal) and recordings (\$400 per day) amount to remuneration in the region of \$38,000-40,000 per annum.

Duties are to sing at **70% of the statutory services** throughout the year and their associated rehearsals. The regular weekly schedule is:

DAY	SERVICE TIME	REHEARSAL TIME
Monday	No call	-
Tuesday	5:30 PM Evensong	Rehearsal 4:30 PM
Wednesday	5:30 PM Evensong	Rehearsal 4:30 PM
Thursday	5:30 PM Evensong	Rehearsal 4:30 PM and
		Rehearsal 6:30-7:45 PM
Friday	No call	-
Saturday	No call	-
Sunday	11:00 AM Eucharist	Rehearsal 9:50 AM
	4:00 PM Evensong	Rehearsal 3:00 PM

There is a requirement to sing at the following mandatory services (at which you and **not** a substitute must be present):

- Christmas: Rehearsals (12/17, 12/23), Nine Lessons and Carols (12/21, 12/24), Midnight Mass (12/24), Christmas Day (12/25)
- Lent: Ash Wednesday (2/18) 12:00 and 5:30 PM
- Holy Week and Easter: Holy Week Rehearsal 3/26 6:30 PM, Maundy Thursday 4/2 5:30 PM, Good Friday 4/3 12:00 and 5:30 PM, Saturday 4/4 AM rehearsal 10:00 AM 12:00 PM & Easter Vigil 5:30 PM, Easter Day 4/5 Eucharists at 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM & Easter Evensong at 3:00 PM.

There is the expectation that the Gentlemen will sing at other services, weddings and memorials, which attract extra fees, and for recordings, broadcasts, concerts, and tours which the Choir may undertake from time to time.

If a Gentleman is unable to sing a call himself, he must provide a substitute from the approved sub list. The Gentlemen of the Choir are expected to be familiar and comply with the church's Health & Safety, Safeguarding and Social Media Policies. This position reports directly to the Organist and Director of Music.

We wish to appoint accomplished singers, confident and adept at both choral and solo performance, who are proficient sight-readers, and who have an imaginative approach to personal musical development. We seek singers who have a strong interest in and an awareness of the rich liturgical and musical heritage of the Episcopal Church.

Equal employment opportunities and diversity among its employees are fundamental principles at Saint Thomas Church and Choir School. We are an equal opportunity employer and do not discriminate in employment decisions and practices on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, veteran status, genetic information, family responsibility, political affiliation or any other status protected by applicable laws.

For further information on the Choir, please visit https://www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/choir-of-men-boys/

The choir term begins on Saturday, September 6, and **AUDITIONS** will be held on **Monday**, **August 18**.

To apply for an audition, please email Margaret Haigh, Music Office Manager, at choirgents@SaintThomasChurch.org with pre-screening materials of a CV and audio or video sample no later than Monday, August 11 at 11:59 PM. Applications received after this time are not guaranteed to be considered. Singers to whom an audition has been extended will be notified by Wednesday, August 13.

For the audition, please bring two copies of a Baroque aria and a contrasting piece and be prepared to sight-sing two other items.