



Southwell  
Minster

# The Milo Chorister Fund



SUPPORTING  
THE CATHEDRAL  
CHORISTERS





Southwell Minster has been steeped in music for hundreds of years. Music in the Cathedral refreshes the spirit, inspires peace, and enhances feelings of wellbeing. A silent Cathedral is unthinkable!

Our 29 Choristers ensure that the English Choral Tradition continues to thrive. Aged between 7 and 14, these **intrepid young singers** provide the music at 225 services and events each year.

As key members of the Minster's Music Foundation, the Choristers gain much more than musical expertise: lifelong friends are made, and they discover what it is to **achieve extraordinary things** at a very young age.

The Choristers make professional singing look easy, but there's a lot going on behind the scenes! It takes **dedication and discipline** – and a whole lot of sandwiches to keep them going before Evensong... They rehearse for almost 8 hours a week, and have weekly singing and instrumental lessons alongside music theory coaching.

We produce **superb musicians**, many of whom go on to achieve success in professional music later in life. We work them hard and they deliver, week in, week out. We're incredibly proud of them.

## You can support Southwell Minster's Choristers through The Milo Chorister Fund.

*"Being a chorister is a big part of my life. I've loved the opportunities I've had to sing in amazing concerts and the friends I've made. I'll remember this experience forever." Isabella B.*

## Who is Milo?

The chorister appeal is inspired by Milo Hogesone, a 15th-century Southwell Chorister. He was the first chorister ever recorded in the Cathedral Archives, in 1469. Who better to be the figurehead of the Chorister Fund! With your help, we will secure the musical legacy begun by Milo over 600 years ago.



Southwell Minster's Chorister Programme currently costs £45,000 a year. That includes the costs of singing lessons, instrumental coaching, safeguarding supervision, chaperoning, and robes.

**If you are passionate about helping to promote music and all the benefits it brings to young people, please support us today.**

### **How your donation will support the Choristers**

**£25** pays for a chorister's music lessons for a week

**£50** fully supports one chorister for a week

**£75** provides a new chorister's cassock

**£150** pays for one chorister's singing lessons for a term

**£200** supports all the choristers for a day

**£500** pays for an exciting day out for all the choristers

**£1,000** covers music tuition for two children for a year

**£1,200** pays for Chorister Teas for a whole term

### **CREATE A CHORISTER BURSARY: £1,500 p.a.**

A Bursary supports the full cost of a Chorister for one year. Bursary sponsors will be invited to present a certificate to the Chorister they are supporting at a special Chorister Celebration in October. You are welcome to sponsor a Bursary anonymously.

"BECOMING A CHORISTER CHANGED MY LIFE. DISCOVERING THE INSPIRATIONAL AND LIFE-AFFIRMING JOY OF MUSIC MAKING FROM AN EARLY AGE GAVE ME THE CONFIDENCE TO FOLLOW MY OWN PATH. THERE CAN BE NO GREATER GIFT TO A YOUNG PERSON."

MARCUS FARNSWORTH,  
MILO CHORISTER FUND AMBASSADOR

Marcus is an internationally celebrated baritone and choral director. He was Head Chorister at Southwell Minster 1996–7.

