

**GLOUCESTER
CATHEDRAL**

Coffee Concert Series 2011

The Chapter House, Gloucester Cathedral

11am - 12noon

Saturday 8th October The Nicholson trio

Saturday 12th November Charles Timberlake - Piano

Saturday 10th December Cathedral Youth Choir

Tickets £6 (unreserved) (includes coffee and biscuits)
from The Cathedral Office 01452 528095 or on the door

Gloucester Cathedral Choir
Directed by Adrian Partington
Organist: Ashley Grote
in concert



St Mary's Parish Church
Prestbury

Sunday 2nd October 2011
6pm

Gloucester Cathedral Choir is delighted to have received the kind invitation to sing a concert in Prestbury. At the end of the concert a retiring collection will be taken for the outreach work of the Cathedral Choir at home and abroad.

Nine centuries ago the boys and monks of the Benedictine Abbey of St Peter, Gloucester, sang for daily worship. Today's choir stems from that established by Henry VIII in 1539, and consists of 20 choristers, 9 lay clerks and 3 choral scholars. Adrian Partington took over as Director of Music in January 2008 with a remit to maintain and develop standards of musical excellence in the worship at the Cathedral. Ashley Grote joined as Assistant Director of Music in April 2008.

In addition to the daily Cathedral services the Choir receives many invitations for outside engagements, singing live BBC Radio 3 broadcasts and taking part in concerts with prestigious orchestras most recently with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales. The choir's latest CD (2009) was of the music of John Joubert, much of the repertoire being hitherto unrecorded. A 14 day tour to the USA was undertaken in 2008 visiting Denver, Atlanta, Columbus and Columbia, this was hugely successful tour. Plans for this year include a 12 day tour to South Africa in October 2011 and further collaborations with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales. 2012 will include a 4 day visit to Västerås in Sweden in April and a concert in Monmouth in May.

The Choir takes a major part in the renowned annual Three Choirs Festival, the world's oldest Music Festival, dating back to 1715. The Festival is held in Gloucester, Worcester and Hereford in rotation. Next year's festival will be held in Hereford. See www.3choirs.org for more details.

For further information about the work of the Choir and chorister scholarships please contact Helen Sims, Music and Liturgy Administrator, Gloucester Cathedral. Tel: 01452 508212 or email: helen@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Programme

Sing Joyfully	William Byrd
Ave Maria	Robert Parsons
Factum est silentium	Richard Dering
Salvator Mundi	Thomas Tallis
Haec Dies	William Byrd
Lord let me know mine end	Hubert Parry
Organ Solo: Ashley Grote	
Choral Song and Fugue	Samuel Sebastian Wesley
Magnificat	Giles Swayne