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I am interested in leaving a gift in my will

I would like to set up a regular gift

Please turn over for more details

I would like to make a one-off gift

Amount enclosed: £ _____
(cheques payable to WRCDT – Westminster Cathedral)

I have transferred: £ _____ to Account number 61307495
Sort code 40-05-20, quoting my surname and first name with the reference WCCF.

I would like to Gift Aid my donations

I would like to Gift Aid all my donations to Westminster Cathedral. I am a UK taxpayer and I understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

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An invitation to become a Patron

The Choral Foundation exists to meet the running costs of the Cathedral Choir both now and for the future.

To do this, we need to raise £8 million. £5 million of this will be seed funding for an investment fund to offset future running costs. The remaining £3 million will cover the annual running costs of the Choir for the next five years, thereby giving time to build the investment fund, as well as providing an additional £100,000 a year for the next five years to resource the Master of Music in expanding the Choir's reach and development with tours, recordings and concerts.

The Westminster Cathedral Choral Foundation is being established as a charity with its own charitable objectives. Until the charity is established, donations made for the charitable objectives of The Choral Foundation are being held securely by The Westminster Cathedral Trust, whose objectives include supporting the Cathedral Choir. The Westminster Cathedral Trust will hold the donations in a specific restricted fund that may only be used for meeting the running costs of the Cathedral Choir, both now and for the future.

We ask all who love this Choir to consider becoming a Patron with a monthly gift or by remembering our work in your will.

As a Patron of The Choral Foundation, you will:

- **Secure** the Choir's future and inspire the next generation of choristers
- **Preserve** and promote our legacy of world-class sacred music
- **Join** a community of passionate music lovers at receptions and special events
- **Stay** informed with regular updates about the impact your support is having



Ways to keep our Choir singing

- Become a Patron of the Choral Foundation by making a regular gift or pledging to leave a gift in your will.
- Join our leadership circle of Choral Patrons by pledging to leave a gift of £10,000 or more a year for 5 years.
- Make a one-off donation or a bank transfer with the enclosed form, or an online donation using the QR code below, and using the reference WCCF.
- Keep updated by joining our mailing list. Simply send an email to musicadmin@rcdow.org.uk

£20 a month helps pay for our organ scholar and their training, to develop their skills and contribute to the Cathedral's liturgies

£50 a month helps pay for essential organ repairs, to maintain the quality of sound and preserve our historical instrument

£100 a month helps pay for one of our eight lay clerks, highly skilled professional singers who are the backbone of the Choir

£500 a month helps pay for the costs of the Master of Music and Cathedral Music Department, who lead and organise the music of the Cathedral

To join or register your interest

Please complete the form and post to:

The Choral Foundation
Clergy House
42 Francis Street
London SW1P 1QW

or contact the Cathedral's Fundraising Manager

Email: cathedralgiving@rcdow.org.uk
Telephone: 020 7798 9058



Scan this QR code to make a donation online
Visit www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/music/the-choral-foundation/
to find out more.

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The Westminster Cathedral Choral Foundation

Giving voice to the beauty of God

The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art

(Catechism of the Catholic Church 1156)

A message from the Cardinal



Two years ago I published 'The Charter for Sacred Music in the Mission of Westminster Cathedral'. It laid out the central place of music in the Cathedral's sacred liturgy and our duty, in the words of Cardinal Hume, 'to preserve and enhance the musical tradition of the Cathedral in order to give honour and glory to God and to raise peoples' hearts to him.'

Today I'm asking for your help with this undertaking.

Westminster Cathedral is a place in which all are welcomed and invited to take part in the worship of God, to find peace and inspiration for their daily lives. In this mission, every aspect of the beauty of the Cathedral has a key part to play: its architecture, its art and especially its music, for music rises in and enriches the soul of humanity whenever our greatest endeavours and aspirations are being contemplated and expressed.

We are custodians of this exceptional musical treasure, which from the foundation of the Cathedral by Cardinal Vaughan has been central to its life. Indeed, Cardinal Vaughan established the Choir in 1902, before the Cathedral was even opened.

Almost a hundred years later, Cardinal Hume raised money for the Choir as part of the Centenary Appeal for the Cathedral. Rising costs and increased demands on these funds mean they are now spent.

It is my wish to do all that is possible to see the Cathedral Choir set on a firm financial footing so that it will enrich our lives for a further hundred years.

Please will you join with me in this effort? Together we can support, sustain and enhance this precious music tradition through the establishment of The Choral Foundation.

+ Vincent Nichols

His Eminence, Cardinal Vincent Nichols

A new chapter for the Choir

Westminster Cathedral Choir is a glorious one-off, a remarkable survivor, a rare and beautiful breed within the British choral tradition. We draw our repertoire from a deep well of music written especially for Catholic liturgy, and plainsong is the well-spring from which the Choir's musical activities flow.

I hope that when you come to Westminster Cathedral, you will experience this for yourself and be drawn into a spiritual milieu that is truly timeless. Here, sacred music moves beyond words and touches the transcendent.



Alongside singing the daily liturgies and restarting tours, concerts and recordings, we are also developing a long-term strategy to protect our Choir for future generations. We are wholly reliant upon funding from the Cathedral and one-off donations. This is an uncertain basis from which to exist day-to-day or, importantly, grow.

We have therefore launched The Westminster Cathedral Choral Foundation, to set the Choir on a firm financial footing and build on this legacy.

Please consider being part of our new chapter by becoming a Patron of The Choral Foundation. A regular gift or pledging to leave a gift in your will, gives the stability we need to keep this treasure alive.

Thank you for your support.

Simon Johnson

Simon Johnson, Master of Music

The voice of the Cathedral



For the last 120 years, the music provided by the Choir of Westminster Cathedral has drawn generations of worshippers and visitors closer to God.

We now need to build strong financial foundations to enable this distinctive choral tradition to grow and flourish, and uphold the standard of worship befitting the Cathedral's sacred liturgies.

Why now? At the heart of the Choir are the choristers, aged 8 to 13. While bursaries are available to meet the costs of the choristers' education, it falls to the Cathedral to meet the costs of the Choir.

In all, it costs more than £500,000 a year to maintain the Choir. This includes:

- the salaries of the Master, Assistant Master of Music and Music Administrator
- the salaries of eight professional Lay Clerks and their deputies
- the stipend of the Organ Scholar
- the Victoria Children's Choir for local children

These costs are becoming increasingly difficult to meet. We must act now if we are to preserve, sustain and build on this priceless musical heritage.

To set up a regular gift please complete this form or use the following account details

To: The Manager of _____ (Bank/Building Society)

Please set up the following Standing Order and debit my/our account accordingly:

Sort code: Account no.:

Name of my account: _____

Please pay HSBC Bank, SW1Y 5EY for the credit of The Westminster Cathedral Trust Sort code: 40-05-20 Account number: 61307495

Please make payments: Monthly Quarterly Half yearly Yearly
First payment (please allow 30 working days)

Date: _____ Amount: £ _____

until further notice (payments will be made until you cancel this instruction).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note to the Bank This instruction is to set up a **new standing order**, in addition to any existing standing orders I have currently set up to Westminster Cathedral. Please print the donor's surname and first name on the bank statement.

Or – I have done this myself, using the account number and sort code above, quoting my surname and first name and the reference code WCCF

Don't forget to Gift Aid it!

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