
USA CHOIR TOUR

APRIL 2015

St Paul's Cathedral Choir will embark on a major tour of the USA in April 2015 – the first of a series which will include repeat visits in 2018 and 2021. The world-famous choir, led by Director of Music Andrew Carwood and Organist Simon Johnson, will share some of the very finest choral music with audiences in seven states and eight cities.





WHAT MAKES THIS TOUR DIFFERENT?

St Paul's Cathedral Choir is an ambassador of choral music for international audiences, with a particular following throughout the USA. St Paul's enjoys a close relationship with the USA: it is home to the American Memorial Chapel, and each year it hosts the US Thanksgiving Service for the American community in London.

The choir last toured the States in 2003, and this 2015 tour marks the start of a renewed desire to interact with our friends in the USA. In this tour series, we will share the richness and diversity of the music sung in a great Cathedral.

As part of our commitment to audience engagement and outreach, we will be launching a series of blogs, video interviews, and online updates for our followers, offering some behind-the-scenes insights into the running of a great Cathedral Choir.

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

St Paul's Cathedral Choir is regarded as one of the best in the world, and regularly leads services of national importance, such as the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen in 2012, and the funeral of Baroness Thatcher in 2013. The choir has many recordings to its name and tours regularly. It has appeared throughout Europe, Asia, North and South America.


There has been a choir at St Paul's Cathedral since around 1127, and the choral foundation continues to thrive almost 1,000 years later. Each week, the 30 boy choristers and 12 vicars choral provide music for eight sung services. The training of boy choristers is an ancient tradition and is the life-blood of the Cathedral today.



EXPLORE OUR RECENT RECORDINGS

 **Mozart** Missa solemnis & other works
[hyperion-records.co.uk](https://www.hyperion-records.co.uk)

 **HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012**
[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

 **The Funeral of Baroness Thatcher 2013**
[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)



The Very Revd Dr David Ison
Dean



We are delighted to welcome thousands of American visitors to St Paul's each year. This tour is a way of giving something in return, and enabling a wider audience in the United States to experience for themselves the beauty and wonder of the music we are so lucky to hear regularly. I'm very much looking forward to being a part of this visit, and making new relationships with friends on the other side of the Atlantic.



Andrew Carwood
Director of Music



We are excited by this opportunity to share the musical heritage of St Paul's with our friends in the United States. In 1953, the Cathedral Choir was the first in the UK to tour the States, and we are thrilled that a strong connection remains. We look forward to sharing the treasures of the English choral tradition with friends old and new.

CONCERTS

Tuesday 28th April

Cathedral of St Paul
St Paul, MN
7.30 pm

Tuesday 21st April

First United Methodist Church
Shreveport, LA
7.30 pm

Wednesday 29th April

Valparaiso University
Valparaiso, IN
7.30 pm

Saturday 18th April

Cathedral of St Philip
Atlanta, GA
7.30 pm

Thursday 16th April

Trinity Church
Boston, MA
7.00 pm

Sunday 26th April

Washington National Cathedral
Washington, DC
5.00 pm

Friday 24th April

St Martin's Episcopal Church
Houston, TX
7.00 pm

Sunday 19th April

Vineville United Methodist Church
Macon, GA
4.00 pm

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We would be delighted to hear from any friends in the USA interested in learning more about the tour, or about joining our network of Choir Patrons. You can contact us on:

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