

‘The University of Bristol Church Choir at 50’



Dear past and present members of the University of Bristol Church Choir,

The year 2022 marks 50 years since the Organ Scholarship and Student Choir were set up at St Paul’s Church in Clifton. The choir has, in the same form since 1972, become known as the University of Bristol Church Choir.

The choir holds a special place in the hearts of many - both those who now look back at their choir days fondly, and those who continue to contribute to the life of the choir during their studies and beyond.

In this spirit, we would like to invite you to join us in celebrating the last 50 years of music making and look forward to many more. This letter will outline our events to celebrate this special anniversary and invite you all, members past and present, to share in the celebrations.

The UoBCC at 50 Celebration Weekend

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th October 2022

Saturday 15th October:

Come and Sing! – A very special Choral Evensong at St Paul’s Church, Clifton.

- 12:00 p.m. – **Welcome and refreshments.**
- 13:00 – **Come and Sing’ Choral Evensong Rehearsal:** All are invited to join the choir for a special Choral Evensong Service at St Paul’s, with a rehearsal from 1pm. Expect special musical commissions and a guest conductor.
- 15:30 – **Choral Evensong.**

The University of Bristol Church Choir 50th Anniversary Dinner at the Bristol Marriott Royal Hotel – 18:00.

This will be a celebratory private dinner in the Marriott Palm Court with drinks and a three-course meal, giving all the chance to celebrate 50 years of the choir.

It is a special aim of the organisers to welcome back as many past Organ Scholars as possible! We are also hoping to welcome individuals who played a key role in the establishment of the choir 50 years ago.

Sunday 16th October:

- 10:30 a.m. – **Sunday Eucharist** at St Paul's Church. This will, of course, include plenty of music.
- 12:00 – **A light 'church lunch'** at St Paul's. A final chance to enjoy time inside the beautiful St Paul's Church with fellow choir members past and present.

It is our hope that the weekend of celebrations will be a fitting way to mark 50 years of the choir, and that members past and present will make some very happy memories gathering in Bristol over the weekend.

Express your interest, share your memories, and help us stay in touch with you.

Please follow the below link to the Google Form and fill it in as appropriate:

<https://forms.gle/KjK6iCTnmLHAif389>

For those unable to fill in the Google Form, please contact Josh Hutchinson, the choir President, via email: uobchurchchoir@gmail.com

There is a space on the Google Form to attach any photographs, or include any notes, which may contribute to the collation of memories of the choir from the past 50 years. If you're unable to submit these upon completion of the form, then please email Josh Hutchinson (address above) whenever you are able to do so.

Finally, we would be grateful if you could **forward this letter onto any past members of the choir whom you may know**. The more past members we can reach, the better!

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We look forward to celebrating 50 years of the University of Bristol Church Choir with you next year.

With our very best wishes,

Josh Hutchinson (UoBCC President - uobchurchchoir@gmail.com), *Ciara Glossop* (UoBCC Vice-president),

Isaac Powell (St Paul's 'One Equal Music' Project Development Officer, and former Senior Organ Scholar)

