

How can I help?

You are warmly invited to join FSTCM. At just £12 per year, you will receive:

- a regular newsletter about concerts and other events at the church, along with regular background features on the work of the choir, organ scholar and other musicians at St Thomas'
- special discounted rates on tickets to concerts
- exclusive invitations to FSTCM events

What's more, you can add additional adult members to your membership for just £5 each per year. Children under 16 attend all our events for free.

If you have a particular area of expertise in finance, fund-raising, publicity or event management, you might like to consider joining the FSTCM committee. We also have a wider network of supporters and helpers who assist with stewarding, ticket sales, and refreshments for our concerts and recitals.

We can also offer help on ways to make a donation to FSTCM, or to remember us in your will or legacy. We would be happy to discuss our work with you, and to arrange for you to see the choir and musicians at work. Please contact Jon Payne, Director of Music, on 07540 440122 if you are able to help in any way.

How do I join?

It's easy! Simply fill in the membership form enclosed with this leaflet and return it to us either by post, or by handing it to one of the stewards at our concerts/recitals.

Alternatively, you can pay for your FSTCM membership online: just visit www.stthomaschurchmusic.com/fstcm

Full details of all our events can be found online at www.stthomaschurchmusic.com/events or in our concert series leaflet (please ask one of the stewards at our concerts/recitals).

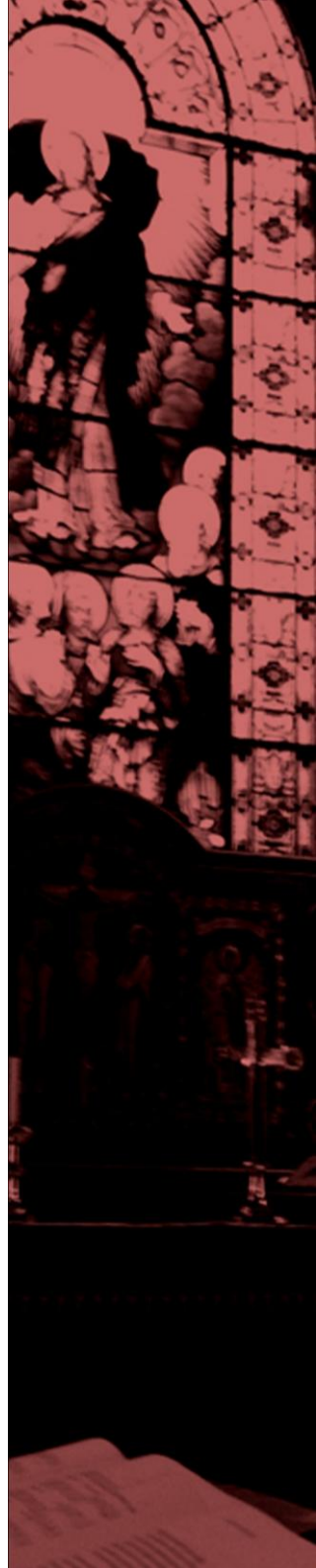
And finally...

Thank you. Without your support, it would be impossible for the fine music tradition at St Thomas' to continue in its present form. We are grateful to all those who support us either financially or in many other ways.

Friends of St Thomas' Church Music

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

www.stthomaschurchmusic.com/events



Music at St Thomas' Church, Stourbridge



St Thomas' Church has been at the heart of Stourbridge for over 275 years. The church is notable not only for its Georgian architecture, but for its fine music tradition which continues to this day.

The established choir of boys and men, one of only fifty such parish church choirs in the UK, provides musical, educational and social opportunities for young people and adults from Stourbridge and many miles beyond.

The Choir

St Thomas' Choir sings regularly for the acts of worship at the church, and for concerts and services elsewhere. At the heart of the choir's work is a focus on excellence, and the choir has acquired a considerable reputation for the quality of its singing.



It is the ongoing programme of education and training for our young choristers which is so important. Boys receive a professional level of singing tuition, musicianship, and theory training; and in addition learn to develop their self-confidence, leadership skills, sense of discipline, and ability to work as part of a team. In short, they learn the skills for life and the workplace: with the result that many have gone on to enjoy success in their chosen careers, whether in music or not.

Training and Education



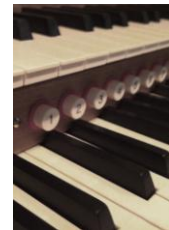
St Thomas' is increasingly becoming a focus for the training and professional development of church musicians in the Stourbridge area. Our programme includes an highly successful schools' workshop, introducing young people to the organ; regular contact with local schools; and training events in association with the Royal School of Church Music and other educational charities.

The Organ

The historic George Pike organ was inaugurated in 1810 and after two hundred years of constant service is in great need of care and attention. Work is presently under way for the launch of a major fund-raising project designed to safeguard the organ's future and to ensure that the instrument can continue to serve the musicians, congregations, audiences and community of Stourbridge for many years to come.



Organ Scholarship



St Thomas' offers an organ scholarship, providing opportunities for young musicians to develop their skills in accompanying, solo playing, choir directing, event management, and the administration of a busy music department. Past holders of the scholarship have gone on to success in major cathedral posts, teaching, solo work and a variety of other career routes.

The Friends of the Music

None of this important and valuable work could take place without the support of the Friends of St Thomas' Church Music (FSTCM). Through its programme of regular concerts and recitals; training events; and more general fund-raising activities, FSTCM raises money to support the organ scholarship, and to fund the training and running costs associated with the church's music department.



The FSTCM committee plans and organises the concert and recital series each year, and raises money through grant applications and more general fund-raising and activities. A wider network of supporters and helpers assist with stewarding, ticket sales, publicity, and many other tasks. And FSTCM members play an invaluable role through their membership subscriptions and support for concerts and events. Find out how you can help support FSTCM overleaf.

Membership Form

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| Name/s | |
| Address | |
| Postcode | |
| Telephone | |
| Email address | |

Please tick all boxes that apply:

- I would like to join the Friends of St Thomas' Church Music for one year at a cost of £12
- I would like to add _____ adult family members to my membership at an additional cost of £5 per adult

Name of extra members:

Payment

- I enclose a cheque for £_____ made payable to the Friends of St Thomas' Church Music
- Please debit my credit/debit card for £_____

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| Name on card (if different from above) | |
| Type of card (Visa/Mastercard/Maestro etc) | |
| Card number | |
| Expiry date | |
| Start date (Switch/Solo/Maestro only) | |
| Issue number (Switch/Solo/Maestro only) | |
| 3-digit security code (on signature strip of card) | |

Please return this form to:

**FSTCM Membership
St Thomas' Church
Market Street
Stourbridge
DY8 1AQ**

or to any of the stewards on duty at our concerts. Thank you.