

Mellor Church Choir Tour Information for Truro Cathedral  
29<sup>th</sup> July until 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### **Child Safety**

St Thomas' Mellor and Truro Cathedral each have their own Child Protection Policy covering the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people under 18.

In order to comply with these requirements there will be basic sensible rules to follow which will be made clear to all involved.

All children/young people with parents/guardians on the trip will remain the responsibility of their parents at all times. This responsibility can be devolved as those parents see fit but remain their responsibility rather than mine. Thank you for being responsible parents!

For those (5) young people without parents/guardians on the trip, they will have surrogate parents agreed by their real parents.

For breaks during the day in Truro there will be a rota of responsible adults for use by parents who are on the trip but not in the choir and so will not be with the choir for rehearsals. It is important that these young people are able to contact the responsible adults at any point in the case of any difficulty (and that those adults know where the young people are and can contact them). Mobile phone contact is sufficient. Registers will be taken to ensure nobody is left behind at the school or cathedral.

### **Permission / Consent slips**

I need a permission slip returned before we leave for all under 18s so I have a central record of all emergency contacts, medical details and permission for photography – I shall hold this information and share on a needs to know basis.

### **Expectations of Adult Behaviour Around Children and Young People**

Please read the document that has been adopted by the choir making clear the expectations of adults when around the young people in the choir. Please also be aware of the 'Code of Safer Working Practice' which gives the national Church of England context. There will be a meeting for all who are going on the Truro trip to go through the Safeguarding aspects to make sure everyone is clear about expectations and an opportunity to ask for any clarifications from the Parish Safeguarding Lead (Emma Wilson).

### **Dress Code**

We are wearing cassocks and surplices for services as usual. Please ensure you take your own cassock and surplice. The choir will be on show and the appearance and conduct of the choir in the cathedral is as important as the way we sing. Please ensure that surplices and ruffs are washed and ironed for the trip. Other details include: black closed (polished) shoes (no sandals). Black socks or pop socks should be worn. Please make sure that any clothing visible at the top or bottom of the cassock is smart. Hair ornaments should be discreet!

## **Leisure**

I suggest bringing things for trips to the beach, rounders, cricket, swimming, table tennis, etc. Also bring DVDs (Max certificate 12) to watch in the common room.

Also bring any equipment/instruments needed for the choir party on Wednesday evening and cabaret on Friday evening.

## **Arrival**

Please have lunch on your way (lunch is not provided).

We will need to be in Truro Cathedral Crypt (our practice room) in the Cathedral at 2.30pm.

There is no parking provided at the cathedral.

There are several car parks in Truro within walking distance of the Cathedral, the two nearest being

- on the corner of Old Bridge Street and St Clements Street, TR1 2AQ
- the NCP car park on St Clements Street, TR1 1DQ

We are staying at:

Truro High School for Girls,

Falmouth Road,

Truro, Cornwall.

TR1 2HU

You are able to check into the accommodation at 2pm allowing time to then walk down (with robes) to the cathedral (15mins walk from the accommodation). Best to leave cars at the school if possible.

Anybody with mobility issues, please let me know your car registration details and I will request a cathedral parking permit.

The cathedral car park is monitored by an external company with CCTV. You have been warned!

## **Accommodation**

We are staying in Truro High School for Girls. All breakfasts and dinners will be at the school.

<https://www.trurohigh.co.uk/>

## **Meals**

Breakfasts (continental) are all provided at the school.

Lunches are self-catered in Truro (or take a packed lunch)

Dinners are all provided at the school.

There will be a group Sunday lunch organised (there may be an extra charge for this).

**Departure** is on Monday morning August 7<sup>th</sup>. Please note check out time of 10am.

## **Practices**

Each morning from Tuesday to Saturday (except Thursday) there will be a practice in Truro Cathedral Crypt. This means having breakfast and leaving the school at 9.30am for 10.00am rehearsal.

After the morning rehearsal (which includes a break) there is free time for lunch and free time. We reconvene at the cathedral at 3.30pm to rehearse in the choir stalls before evensong.

The practice for Evensong in the choir stalls will be meet 3.30pm in the Song School of Truro Cathedral for rehearsal 4.00-5.00pm in the choir stalls. We then need to be lined up ready to process in for evensong at 5.25pm for the start of evensong at 5.30pm.

The Sunday evensong practice is meet 2.45pm for 3.00pm rehearsal in choir stalls, line up for evensong 3.55pm for Evensong at 4.00pm.

Sunday morning practice is just in the cathedral – meet 8.45am Song School. Rehearsal in choir stalls is just 9.00-9.30am, the Eucharist service is at 10:00. There is no Mattins. 😞

Please be punctual to practices – especially at the weekend when rehearsal time is very limited.

## **Rules of the Song School**

This is in the cathedral crypt at the East end and will be our base for practising and robing in the cathedral. There are toilets available for us here. Please help to keep the crypt tidy.

## **Services**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: Evensong 5.30pm

Thursday: No services – dumb day

Sunday: Choral Eucharist 10.00am, Evensong 4.00pm.

<https://www.trurocathedral.org.uk/>

## **Car parking**

See details under 'Arrival'

**Towels** – You do need to bring a towel (and another towel for the beach).

## **Valuables**

At the cathedral, you may leave valuables in the Crypt at your own risk. I don't know if this is locked when not in use so I'd assume you need to take all valuables with you for now.

## Outings

These are optional. I am hoping that the money raised will cover most of the expenses. The Moorend trust have generously given some money again to support the children going on educational outings. Those that are staying in the accommodation have given a contribution to the kitty as part of the tour cost which should cover outing and communal refreshment costs. If we don't have enough money left in the kitty, I may need to ask adults that want to take part to make a contribution...

We shall be having a rest day ('dumb day') **on Thursday**. If the weather is ok, the plan is to spend the day out at Holywell Bay. This is a beautiful (lifeguarded) beach on the North Coast near Newquay. It is a short car journey (30mins) or bus trip (£2) away.

<https://www.visitcornwall.com/things-to-do/beaches/holywell-bay-beach>

Optional activities include:

- Swimming/body boarding
- Beach games, kite flying
- Visit the holy well of St Cubert (low tide only) low tide is as we arrive
- Choice of 2 pubs for lunch or picnic lunch on the beach
- Scenic coastpath walk to Polly Joke beach, Pentire Point and Crantock (4 miles, 2 hours)
- Bus trip to Newquay
- Crocheting or reading a book

On Saturday afternoon, as there is no evensong, we are planning an extra trip to the Eden Project.

<https://www.edenproject.com/>

## Cabaret

Don't forget to prepare something excellent for cabaret which will be on Friday at 8pm. New for this year, we are also planning to have a '**Choir Party**' on Wednesday evening with games and party dances....

## What to Bring Checklist

Robes, Black shoes, black socks

Pencil for practices. Copy of this information so you know what is happening and when!

Swimming things and swimming towel for the beach

Soap bag and towel

Any leisure equipment – sports stuff, DVDs (certificate up to 12), beach equipment

Anything needed for cabaret!

Small amount of spending money for shops and money to cover lunches

Cork screw/bottle opener, wine glasses (adults)

Any further questions/problems – contact me on 07808914739 or [t.howling@nhs.net](mailto:t.howling@nhs.net) or Tour Manager, Kate Scott on 07855785450 or [kate.a.scott@googlemail.com](mailto:kate.a.scott@googlemail.com)

Looking forward to a great tour, Tom.x