



# Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King Liverpool



## INFORMATION FOR VISITING CHOIRS & ENSEMBLES GIVING INFORMAL RECITALS

## THE CATHEDRAL



Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral is the largest Catholic Church in Britain, mother church of the northern province of England and seat of the Archbishop of Liverpool. It includes an extensive crypt, a fragment of the mighty uncompleted project of the 1930s by Sir Edwin Lutyens, and the 1960s Modernist cathedral by Sir Frederick Gibberd. In addition to the main cathedral, which seats 2,300, there are, in the crypt, a chapel and a concert room, each seating 300, and a number of large reception spaces. The entire complex is Grade II\* listed.

The cathedral is surrounded on all sides by Liverpool's universities, including student residences, and is close to the commercial centre of the city. The cathedral is also a parish church, albeit with only a small resident population. However, a wide variety of regular liturgies is provided for different congregations ranging from family Masses to solemn choral Masses. Since opening in 1967 the cathedral has hosted many notable occasions such as the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (1977), the Feast of Pentecost in 1982 when St Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass and in 1989 when a special Mass was organised 24 hours after the Hillsborough tragedy.

## WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome visiting choirs and ensembles to give informal recitals in the cathedral where the cathedral diary permits.

Visiting choirs and ensembles can propose a date and time for their visit. The cathedral is first and foremost a house of prayer and a place of worship: priority is given in the cathedral diary to liturgical services and devotions, thus informal recitals may only be given outside of these times.

The cathedral is generally open to visitors 9am–6pm each day. Visitors would be allowed to enter and leave during your informal recital. An entry charge is not made. Please note, informal recitals can only be given when the cathedral is open and not outside the above mentioned hours.

In recent years we have welcomed choirs and ensembles from the UK and from across the world, including Australia, South Africa and the USA!

In order to request a time/date for your informal recital and propose your programme, please complete the form [here](#).



## CONTACT FOR VISITING CHOIRS/ENSEMBLES

The Music Administrator is the first point of contact for visiting choirs:

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## LENGTH

Informal recitals can last between 30-45 minutes.

## LOCATION

Informal recitals generally take place in the sanctuary, directly in front of the High Altar.

If you wish to use the cathedral organ, for example in accompanying your choir, then it is strongly recommended that your choir performs from the choir stalls near the organ pipes.

## REPERTOIRE

Your chosen repertoire should respect the sacred nature of the cathedral, and should not include anything considered offensive or profane to the Christian faith.



## **LOGISTICS**

The cathedral can provide a small number of music stands for your informal recital if requested. You are asked to indicate your requirements on the [google form](#).

## **INSTRUMENTS**

The cathedral can provide an electronic piano for your informal recital if requested. If you have a competent organist, it is possible to use the cathedral organ.

## **REHEARSAL**

Unfortunately it is not possible to provide rehearsal time in advance of your informal recital.

## **ADVERTISING**

The cathedral will advertise informal concerts in its newsletter and on its website/social media channels. If you would like posters displaying around the cathedral, please send hard copies of these (by mail) to the Music Administrator. Electronic posters can be shared via social media. Any further publicity would need to be carried out by the visiting choir itself.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

The cathedral takes safeguarding seriously. You are asked to complete the safeguarding section on the Google Form when you submit your music choices.

## **DONATION**

Visiting choirs are requested to make a donation of £50 to the cathedral if they wish to perform an informal concert. Bank transfer details will be sent to you, and should be processed at least one month prior to your visit.

We are deeply grateful for the support we receive from our congregation, our community, and our many visitors. Your donation will make a significant contribution both to the continued running of the Cathedral, and the thriving community we support.

## **GET IN TOUCH**

To request a time/date for your informal recital and propose your programme, please complete the form [here](#).