

Update on Lifting Young Voices Project



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Following a successful grant application for vital initial funding from Cathedral Music Trust (CMT) and long-term funding from the Diocese of Southwark, our Lifting Young Voices (LYV) Project will now have the financial security to continue to develop.

Freddie Ingles has been appointed as our first Choral Trainer Lay Clerk with the help of the Cathedral Music Trust grant and we welcome Jonathan Mayes, CEO of Cathedral Music Trust to our “Celebration Sunday” Choral Evensong at 6pm on November 17th to celebrate the amazing contribution provided by CMT.

The Lifting Young Voices programme is now going from strength to strength. Freddie’s appointment has enabled us to expand the programme from 2 to 3 primary schools, with another in the offing. We are currently recruiting an Assistant Director of Music and two more Choral Trainer Lay Clerks who will enable us to expand the programme to 8 schools by the end of 2025. The Junior Choir is growing as a result, and they are now involved in monthly all-age services. This in turn has enabled us to reintroduce Choral Matins as a monthly service sung by the main choir. We have secured long-term funding from the Diocese of Southwark which ensures that the project will continue to develop beyond the vital initial funding provided by CMT.