



We are very pleased to welcome **Lincoln College Choir** as our 2015 Festival 'Choir in Residence'. They hold a reputation as one of the finest mixed-voice chapel choirs at the University of Oxford, singing evensong every Sunday, as well as at major church festivals, in the college's beautiful 17th century chapel. Containing around 25 members, the choir draws its members from across and from outside the university. In addition the choir has an active social life and strong community spirit.

The choir prides itself on its high standard but modest time commitment (the choir rehearses once a week, on Wednesday evenings). All members of the choir are entitled to free singing lessons, with acclaimed singing teacher Bronwen Mills, and a three-course dinner after every service. (Now there's an idea! I can think of a few Taunton choirs who might like that.) The choir also tours up to twice a year, most recently to Rome, Durham, Bury St. Edmunds, Andalucia, Leipzig, Erfurt, Weimar – and now of course, **Taunton** and surrounding venues.

Over the course of a week, they will join in our celebration of the performing and creative arts in a number of ways, from church services to coffee concerts, as well as providing the choral resource for our exciting new **Young Choral Conductor** competition. We hope that they will enjoy their visit to Somerset and that you, the music-loving people of the county, will make them feel welcome by giving them the large audiences they deserve.

Itinerary and Programme of Events

Saturday 18th July

Choral evensong 3:30 p.m. in Bristol Cathedral

Arrive in Taunton

Sunday 19th July

Festival Service – at 10:00 a.m.

Join with the Choir and the choristers of St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton and the brass of OrchestraWest.

Choral Evensong – at 4:00 p.m.

St. John's Church, Taunton

Monday 20th July

Young Choral Conductor Competition

Lincoln College Chapel Choir will be the choral resource for this session, running from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in **King's College Chapel**, South Road, Taunton.

The adjudicator will be **Matthew Owens** of Wells Cathedral.

Concert of Organ & Choral Music

King's College Chapel, South Road, Taunton at 7:30 p.m.

A concert featuring the **organ**:

- As **soloist** – Margaret Philips playing Bach
- Lincoln College Organ Scholar playing Handel concerto in B flat
- As **partner** – Margaret Philips and Giles Harrison playing Poulenc Concerto for Organ and Timpani
- Lynn Carter playing Zipoli concerto for oboe and organ
- As **accompanist** – Lincoln College Chapel Choir, conducted by the winner of the Young Choral Conductor completion (**The John Cole Prize**)

Tuesday 21st July

Choral Evensong at 4:00 p.m. in Holy Trinity Church, Taunton

Wednesday 22nd July

Coffee Time Concert

In the Music Room at the Castle Hotel, Taunton at 10:30 for 11:00 a.m. Come and enjoy a programme of choral music with piano accompaniment, to include some Finzi part songs.