

*Email sent on Monday 22/12/25 - Information from Sylvia about our 2026 cathedral residency. For any queries, please email [sylviajoanwalker@hotmail.com](mailto:sylviajoanwalker@hotmail.com)*

Dear All,

Our residency next summer is at Coventry Cathedral from Thursday 30th July to Sunday 2nd August. We will be singing the services on Friday 31st, Saturday 1st August and Sunday 2nd August.

For those who are not familiar with attending a residency, it's a great opportunity to sing some lovely music in an iconic setting and to get to know your fellow choir members. We have a rehearsal on the Thursday afternoon, starting at 2 pm, so most of us travel on the Thursday morning (although some prefer to go a day early), followed by a group meal in the evening, and then we rehearse and sing Evensong on Friday and Saturday and the Eucharist service on Sunday morning and Evensong on the Sunday afternoon.

There are 5 rehearsals at St Margaret's prior to the residency which are on 30 June and 7, 14, 21 and 28 July. The minimum rehearsal requirement is 3 out of those 5 rehearsals.

There is a subscription which is expected to be around £110 which covers professional costs and music printing. All choir members pay for their own accommodation, travel and meals etc.

Here is some information about accommodation options -

### **1) Cycle Works**

The University of Coventry can provide accommodation at Cycle Works, Raglan Street, Coventry which is approximately 10 minutes walk from the Cathedral. We have provisionally booked 15 rooms at Cycle Works. The link below is for the information provided for full time students, but gives a good idea of what is available. Anna Dymond and I visited Cycle Works last week and were very impressed by the general standard of the accommodation and the friendliness of the staff. The building is clean and modern. The rooms have small double beds and

ensuite bathrooms. and there are shared kitchens which have a kettle, toaster, microwave and oven. Bedding, towels and toiletries are included in the price. Cutlery and crockery are not currently included but will probably be provided - tbc. The cost is £37 a night.

<http://www.coventry.ac.uk/accommodation> Please scroll down and click on *Where I Can Live* and then scroll down and click on *Cycle Works*.

## **2) Premier Inn**

We have made a provisional booking of 20 rooms at the Premier Inn in Coventry which is approximately 10 minutes from the Cathedral. We currently have a price from them for a number of single occupancy rooms (with double bed) and 2 with double occupancy. The cost is approximately £80 a night for the single occupancy and £90 for double - exact price tbc. These prices include breakfast. This booking is cancellable until the end of June.

## **3) Other options**

There are other hotel options available - The Telegraph - 4 star hotel, not far from the Premier Inn and convenient for the Cathedral, the Ibis and the Hotel Indigo. At the moment, there are good deals to be had for next summer so please have a look at what's available if you prefer to make your own arrangements. We were advised that it is best to avoid the Britannia Hotel.

Please have a think about this and the various accommodation options. I will put out a list at rehearsals in January for you to sign up for the residency and indicate your accommodation preferences. We will need to confirm the student accommodation by the end of January. If you have any queries before the start of next term, do email me at [sylviajoanwalker@hotmail.com](mailto:sylviajoanwalker@hotmail.com).

Best wishes,

Sylvia