



Wells Cathedral Chorister Trust
Coronation Appeal

Royal Patron HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh

Charity No. 1098277

In this momentous year, it is time to make a monumental change to the lives of some talented children.

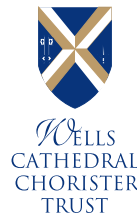
Wells Cathedral School is supported by its Royal Patron, HRH King Charles III, and Wells Cathedral Chorister Trust enjoys the support of HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh. With their help, and the help of all our supporters and friends, we can make a real difference.



Wells Cathedral Choir offers fabulous opportunities for musical children to develop their skills whilst benefiting from an all-round education at Wells Cathedral School. It is vital that the Choir can recruit choristers on merit alone with no child being denied a place through their family's inability to meet the associated fees. Sadly, the limited financial resources of Wells Cathedral Chorister Trust mean that it is not currently possible to support all eligible applicants. Despite all our efforts, voices of the utmost beauty are being lost to the Choir and the world at large.

The Coronation Fund aims to raise £500,000 by September 2024. The funds raised will be restricted to bursaries for families that are unable to make any significant contribution to the fees (for full details see the back page).

Talent crops up everywhere, and the Coronation Fund will allow us to offer this wonderful opportunity to children from all backgrounds.



**To support the WCCT Coronation Appeal
Please complete this form or visit
www.wcct.co.uk/coronationappeal**

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**To make a donation please visit www.wcct.co.uk/coronationappeal
or enclose a cheque to WCCT, School Office, 15 The Liberty, Wells BA5 2ST**

Alternatively via bank transfer to: **WCCT Sort Code: 60 23 06
Account Number: 75010062**

Gift Aid Declaration (please read the following and tick the box, if applicable):

I would like all donations I have made in the last 4 years and all donations I make hereafter to Wells Cathedral Chorister Trust to be treated as Gift Aid donations. I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand that for the current tax year the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give. **I can cancel this declaration at any time by giving notice in writing.**

Signed Date

If you would like to discuss the WCCT Coronation Appeal in more detail,
please contact Arnold Wills, Chair of Trustees via chairman@wcct.co.uk

The Trustees are inviting contributions towards a new Coronation Fund. This fund will be restricted for use in funding bursaries towards paying school fees of choristers whose families are in financial circumstances that make them unable to make any significant contribution to the fees themselves. This is any family that, after external means-testing, is assessed as being able to afford 5% or less of the fees. This will enable the Trust to fund a far higher proportion of a relevant chorister's fees than it otherwise could.

In practice, it is likely that some of the fees can be funded by other sources identified by Wells Cathedral School's team leaving the Coronation Fund to "top-up" - resulting in 95% to 100% funding from combined sources. We envisage, in a typical year, 1 or 2 new choristers may be in such need (this will vary depending on applications made and the School's selection processes, so there may be less, none or more in some years).

The appeal target is £500,000. Any surplus raised will be added to the Trust's unrestricted funds and used for funding other bursaries for other choristers.

If less than £250,000 is raised, where we can identify the donors we will ask their agreement to us adding their donation to our general charitable funds or, if they prefer they can ask for return of their donation. Any unidentified contributions will be placed in the general funds.

We will continue to use our other funds to provide as much support as we can towards other choristers' fees that are not funded by their families' contributions and contributions from other sources. The Girls' Fund is restricted to use towards girl choristers' fees, our other unrestricted funds can be used towards girl and boy choristers' fees. However, we do not have sufficient available funds in either of these sources to provide the significant levels of support that the choristers qualifying for the Coronation Fund need.

