

# The 30th Annual Choir School Camp of St. John's Episcopal Church, Bangor, Maine

**St. John's Church Choir School**

A unique music program for  
young people who love to sing!



**August 9-13, 2010**

Grades two through five attend from 9am to 1pm daily.

Grades six and up attend from 9am to 5pm daily.

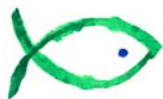
**All ages stay for the whole day on Friday through Evensong,**  
which begins at 5:15pm and lasts approximately one hour.

Parents and friends are encouraged to attend the final Evensong.



*Come join us for a challenging and rewarding week of crafts, activities,  
worship, and most importantly, singing in our historic church!*

The St. John's Choir School Camp gives young people the opportunity to participate in  
liturgical music-making at a high performance standard.



The Camp is open to children and teens of all faiths from grades  
two through college. Prior musical or singing experience is not  
necessary, making this is a wonderful opportunity to give singing a try.



*St. John's is conveniently located on French Street, directly behind John Bapst Memorial High School.*

**Psallam Spiritu et Mente**

*I will Sing with the Spirit and with the Understanding also*

## APPLICATION — ST. JOHN'S CHOIR SCHOOL CAMP — AUGUST 9-13, 2010

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First What you wish to be called

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Grade this Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_  
Child/ Adult

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt City State Zip Code

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone numbers where you can be reached during the day, for example

Are there any allergies and/or medical issues of which we should be aware?  No  Yes (please specify on back of form)

*A materials fee of \$50.00, to include music, snacks, and activity supplies, is required with registration.*

*Scholarships are available upon request. Check here if using Camp Bangor funds*

Please make checks payable to **St. John's Episcopal Church Choir** and return with this application to:  
St. John's Episcopal Church, 234 French Street, Bangor, ME 04401. Telephone: 207-947-0156

## Choir School Camp Staff

We welcome **Kevin Birch, DMA** as our guest Music Director this year. He has served as Director of Music at neighboring St. John's Catholic Church since 1992 where, in addition to choir training and service playing, he directs the St. John's Organ Society. He is also a member of the music faculty at the University of Maine's School of Performing Arts in Orono. Kevin has a Bachelor of Music Degree from New England Conservatory (with Distinction in Performance) and Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from the University of Iowa .



**Executive Director, Emma Creaser, PhD**, handles logistical details and plans activities allowing the music director to concentrate more fully on the musical aspects of the camp.

**Volunteers** play an important role and are highly appreciated. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact the Parish Office at 947-0156.

## St. John's Episcopal Church

**The Rev. Marguerite A. H. Steadman, Rector**  
**The Rev. Cn. Mary Ann Taylor, Pastoral Associate**  
**The Ven. Tom Benson, Archdeacon**  
**The Rev. Tom Duplessie, Deacon**

The Camp supports the mission of the **St. John's Choir School**, an ongoing choral training program that follows the model of the Royal School of Church Music. Children and adults in the Choir School rehearse weekly and provide the music for monthly Evensong services throughout the year. Many participants become members of the parish choir which has toured Great Britain four times since 1980, and sent many choristers to prestigious summer courses in the U.S. and Canada. The choir's latest recording, *Sing My Soul*, is available on CD.



## WHAT TO EXPECT

### Voice Training

Our choir camp features the sacred music of classical composers, uses the training scheme of the Royal School of Church Music, and provides an intensive week of learning and performing choral music in the context of traditional Anglican liturgy. Children also receive the benefit of individual and small group instruction in singing and music theory. Older boys with newly-changed voices will have the opportunity to sing and study in bass, tenor, or counter-tenor register. Experienced choristers act as mentors, and youth and adult volunteers are on hand to assist the conductor.



### Evensong

The camp wraps up in the church proper where the choristers participate in a beautiful and serene service of evening prayer that is almost entirely sung. Parents and friends of all faiths are encouraged to come hear the fruits of the camp's labors at this traditional **Anglican Festival Evensong** on **Friday, August 13 at 5:15pm**.



### Fun!

Games, arts & crafts, and other recreational activities are a large part of the week-long choir camp experience.

## WHAT TO BRING



### Bag Lunches

Choristers should bring a bag lunch on each of the five days of camp. Additional snacks and beverages will be provided throughout, as well as a pizza party on Friday prior to Evensong.

### Casual Attire

Participants are encouraged to dress comfortably in play clothes suitable to the day's weather. The church undercroft can be quite cool even on the hottest of days so a light sweater or sweatshirt (with your child's name inside) is suggested. Sneakers or other shoes that can be worn playing games, such as kickball, are recommended. We will try to give advance notice if outdoor water-play is expected!

For the final Evensong service, choristers wear vestments (choir robes) owned by the St. John's Parish Choir, so no special clothing is required.

### An Open Mind and A Willingness to Learn

Children and teens who are eager to have fun experiencing new things, and to learn, will reap the rewards of this unique opportunity. Regardless of age, campers should come prepared to follow directions, to learn new skills, to participate in a wide variety of group activities, and to **sing!**

