

## Promotions of Girl and Boy choristers September 2015. *M&M online 77*

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What a thrill it was to listen to our very fine Girls' Choir sing a Tuesday Choral Evensong with many of their parents present, for their repertoire was wholly made up of adventurous contemporary music.

The Responses were by [Malcolm Archer](#).

The Canticles by [Simon Lole](#) former DOM of Salisbury Cathedral, and the anthem, *Factum est silentium* was by our own Director of Music, [Samuel Hudson](#).

That service was special not only on account of the music, but also because many of the girls were promoted by **the Dean**.

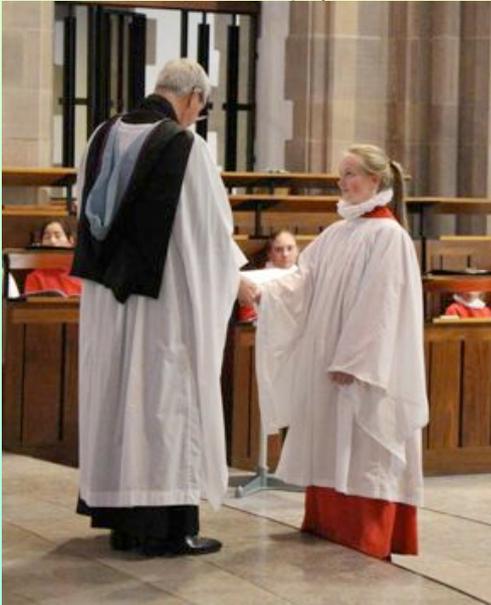
He always does this so well – thanking not only the girls but also their parents for their whole-hearted devotion to our cathedral.

**Rebecca Pratt** became our new Head Chorister



**Megan Mason-Bird**

was raised to the status of Deputy Head Chorister.



The new Prefects were **Clara Slater** and **Elizabeth Fielding**



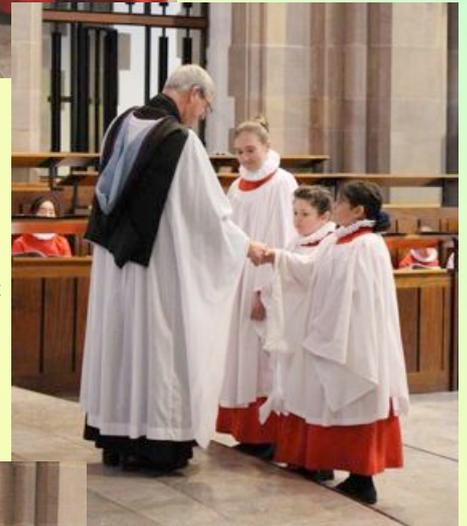
**Olivia Grady** and **Isabelle Barnes**  
were raised to the status of Senior Chorister...



and three probationers, who had completed their training, were admitted to the choir as Junior Choristers. (But first they were robed with their surplices):

**Poppy Felipes**, (R) who has two brothers in the boys' choir, **Charlotte Gornall** and **Sarah Hunt**.

The final presentation (below) was made to **Prefect Clara Slater**, who, being the longest serving girl in the choir, now wears the solid silver **Dame Mary Tanner Award**.



What a marvellous afternoon that was for us all. Heartiest congratulations, young ladies!

On Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> many of the boys were promoted by the Dean, watched by Canon Sacrist, **Andrew Hindley**:

**Sebastian Roberts** to Head Chorister



who was then invested with his cope – which is over 65 years old – having been created during the music directorship of **Thomas L. Duerden** (1939-64). Seb is a gifted composer!



**Zak Tayler** was promoted to deputy Head Chorister



**Lee Felipes** and his twin **Luke Felipes** were promoted to Prefect.



And promoted to Senior Chorister (below L-R) were **Harrison Chick**, **Joseph Dearden**, and **William Keeling**.



The following Sunday Prefect **Leo Fulwell** was invested with the solid silver **Dots Bertalot Memorial Medallion**, given to the longest serving chorister. Leo's predecessor was his brother, **Oliver**, who is now singing in our Young People's Choir.

**Well done, all.**

