

Christ Church Cathedral

Christchurch, New Zealand



Brian Law, Director of Music

appointed August 2004



Brian Law FRCO (chm), LRAM, ARSCM, is a highly qualified, experienced and recognised choral director. Born and educated in England, Brian emigrated to Canada in 1965 where he quickly established his reputation for excellence with The Choir of St Matthew's Church, Ottawa. It was soon acknowledged as Canada's finest men and boys' choir. Brian was at the heart of Canada's choral, operatic and orchestral life for 25 years. On leaving Ottawa he was awarded the freedom of the City.

Brian emigrated to NZ in 1991 as Music Director for the Christchurch City Choir, a position he still holds. He regularly guest conducts symphony orchestras and opera companies throughout New Zealand. Brian has taken the choir to world class standards of performance and achieved critical acclaim for their annual programme of masterful and inspired performances.



For young singers and organists bound for Oxbridge

Christ Church Cathedral in Christchurch New Zealand offers an incredible GAP year experience, combining singing with the Cathedral Choir and tutoring at either of the Cathedral's associated schools. Tutoring at Christ's College within a boarding school environment, or at Cathedral Grammar School which educates the Cathedral Choristers. Accommodation, meals and allowances are provided. Live in a beautiful Cathedral City with a wealth of outdoor adventure and incredible scenery close by.

Enjoy music, majestic scenery, marvellous experiences and create memories for the rest of your life.

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A unique Gap Year experience with a professional choir in a beautiful cathedral in an exotic country on the other side of the world!

Opportunities for Choral and Organ Scholars in the scenic wonderland of Middle Earth!

Teaching • Music • Adventure • Education



Christ Church Cathedral Choir

est. 1881

- Is one of only two cathedrals in the southern hemisphere to have a professional choir
- Consists of 24 boys and 16 men
- The men consist of six Lay Clerks, six Choral Scholars (Godley Scholars) and four volunteers
- The repertoire ranges from 16th Century to contemporary works
- Plays an important role in the civic and spiritual life of the city
- Sings Eucharist and Choral Evensong on Sundays, and four weekday Choral Evensongs
- Has an extensive library of over 1500 anthems and service settings

Christ Church Cathedral

Christ Church Cathedral, a Neo-Gothic complex, designed by George Gilbert Scott, began in 1864 when the city was just 14 years old. It serves the whole city, is the central church of the Diocese and the Bishop's seat. The Cathedral Grammar School was founded to educate the choristers and now has 400 pupils.

There is a strong and active connection between Christchurch, NZ and Christ Church, Oxford with annual visits by 'The Oxfords' - six Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars - who sing with the Cathedral Choir and present concerts each August.

Christchurch

Christchurch was founded in 1850 by the Canterbury Association, a Church of England organisation with strong links to Christ Church College, Oxford University. The central city was planned in England and laid out with the Cathedral at its heart.

The first Maori occupants arrived by canoes from Hawaiki about 1000 years ago. The major South Island tribe is Ngai Tahu.

Christchurch is The Garden City of the World, with a population around 350,000 people. It has modern infrastructure, world class food, wine, fashion and entertainment, and offers festivals and events year-round. It is also called the most English city outside England!

The Canterbury region has a rich agricultural base, distinctive braided rivers, and most of the country's flat fertile land.

Within a two hours drive from Christchurch

- Ski fields • Whale watching at Kaikoura
- Alpine thermal pools at Hanmer Springs
- National Parks with forests, tramps, and climbs
- Rock climbing • Bungy jumping • Surfing
- Small towns • Remote sites • Dinosaur Valley
- An incredible diversity of landscapes and activities

There's also plenty to keep you busy and entertained in the city.

New Zealand - Perfect Antipodean Adventure Land!

Mountains, glaciers, snowfields, hills, lakes, sounds, fiords, volcanoes, valleys, plains, wilderness areas, great expanses of virgin forest, rain forest, National Parks and World Heritage areas, all outdoor sports and recreation, an incredibly diverse coastline - some of this spectacular scenery featured in The Lord of the Rings trilogy.

New Zealand is a paradise for outdoor recreation. It also offers the unique culture of a South Pacific nation with four million people living on its three main islands. You'll discover there's a lot more to this country than you ever imagined - and you'll discover why it's called God's Own!

