



The mission of St. James's Episcopal Church
is to learn, live, and teach
the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



MEET OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR



The Rev. Alan Murchie is Associate for Education and Music at St. James's. Alan grew up singing in the St. Thomas Choir of Men and Boys in New York City and has served Episcopal parishes in New York and Connecticut both as musician and as priest. Most recently, Alan was rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Nichols in Trumbull CT. Alan teaches Music History and Religious Studies at Fairfield University and offers adult education classes here at St. James's. Alan lives in the Elmwood neighborhood of West Hartford.

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MUSIC AT ST. JAMES'S WEST HARTFORD

2022-2023



St. James's is a music-loving parish
with opportunities for all ages on
Sundays and throughout the week.

Join Us!





CONCERTS AT ST. JAMES'S

Blessed with a rich, resonant acoustic, St. James's presents concerts featuring regional and international soloists, choruses and orchestras throughout the year. Recent recitalists include Douglas Williams, pictured above. VOCES8 and The Vienna Boys Choir have also appeared at St. James's in recent years.

■ Calendar 2022 — 2023 ■

Christmas Concert **12-18-22 at 4**

Jason Roberts (Silent Movie) **01-27-23 at 7**

Douglas Williams, baritone **02-12-23 at 4**

US Air Force Singing Sergeants **02-20-23 at 7**

Choir Dinner (American Songbook) **04-22-23 at 6**

Alan Murchie, piano **06-04-23 at 4**

Services of Choral Evensong *Sundays at 5*
10-30-22 | 03-05-23

Hymn Sings with Potluck *Sundays at 5*
01-15-23 | 03-19-23

CHOIRS AT ST. JAMES'S

Our choirs are the heartbeat of our music program, enriching our worship and leading us in song. St. James's gathers to sing at all ages, offering music programs for those as young as 3. We are blessed with a large, versatile gathering space for rehearsals, with two magnificent Steinway pianos, and with our celebrated Austin organ that fills the sanctuary with its rich, warm sound.

MONDAY MUSIC AND MORE AGES 3-8

New this fall: **Monday Music and More** on Mondays from 4:00-5:30. Led by Alan Murchie and Priscilla Hooper, we meet in two groups: ages 3-5 and 6-8. One group joins Alan in the choir room to sing while the other joins Priscilla for arts, story-telling, and more. After a quick snack break, we switch! All are welcome.



Junior Choristers sing the Butterfly Song with Alan.



Meanwhile, others enjoy an art project with Priscilla.

BOYS AND GIRLS CHOIR AGES 9-17

St. James's has offered training for choristers for decades: Highlights include a visit to the White House, cathedral residencies in Great Britain, and recording projects. This is a treble choir made up of girls and boys. Boys join our adult choir and sing tenor or bass when their voices change. We meet on Wednesdays from 5:30 until 7:30, with a brief choir dinner from 6:30 to 7:00.



Chorister rehearsals are fun and include vocal training.



Choristers join the Adult Choir for all services and concerts.

ST. JAMES'S CHOIR AGES 18+

Our adult choir sings repertoire of all eras, with a focus on the Anglican tradition from Tudor polyphony through the music of today. We offer concerts, services of Choral Evensong, and an annual Jazz Mass, in addition to our anthems, motets, hymns, service music and descants on Sundays from September through mid-June. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30.



The choir's repertoire spans a wide range of styles.



Many of our anthems come from the Anglican tradition.