



The Choir functions on the basis of competence, commitment, goodwill and a sense of humour. New members are welcome: the Choir is neither big enough to get lost in, nor small enough to feel exposed.



Interested singers are very welcome to get in touch with the Director of the Choir,  
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## Opportunities with the Douai Abbey Singers



Douai Abbey  
The Abbey Church of Our Lady and St Edmund KM  
Upper Woolhampton, Reading, Berkshire RG7 5TQ





The Douai Abbey Singers is the Lay-Choir of the Abbey Church of Our Lady and St. Edmund KM at Woolhampton.

The function of the Choir is to join with the monks and sing in the liturgy on a number of Sundays and Feast Days (usually some 18-20) throughout the year.

The Choir has also sung mass annually in Westminster Cathedral and on occasion in Notre Dame, Paris.



A recording of the Choir, 'Music from Douai Abbey' is on Herald HAVPCD 285.

The Choir repertory includes music from plainchant through all periods up to the present including masses and other settings commissioned for the Choir. Music ranges from unaccompanied works to settings with organ, and on occasion instrumentalists in masses by Haydn, Mozart and others.



On Choir Sundays rehearsal is at 9.30am and the service at 11.00am.

Music is circulated prior to rehearsal and singers are expected to prepare beforehand and read music well.

Additional singers are also invited as deputies on occasion. There are no other rehearsals other than the one before each service, expect for one or two short rehearsals, usually after Sunday Mass, prior to the Advent and Good Friday Music and Reflections.