



# Laudamus

*'A group of friends who sing together'*

Laudamus Chamber Choir was formed in 1991 to deputise at services in Cathedrals, Pories, Abbeys and Greater Churches when their own choirs are on holiday. Over the years, the choir's repertoire has expanded to include light and secular as well as sacred music, enabling the choir to perform for charity events and other occasions such as weddings and funerals. Under founding Musical Director, Andrew Johnson, Laudamus made tours to Holland, Italy, Hungary and France as well as regular visits to Cathedrals throughout the UK. This tradition has continued under Musical Director, Kit Hobkirk.

The choir, a group of friends who sing together, has 20 - 30 singers and rehearses on Monday evenings in term time at St Mary's Church, Fordingbridge. With the departure of Kit Hobkirk for Scotland, Laudamus are seeking a new musical director to lead the choir. We are looking for someone who meets the following criteria:

- Knowledge of music and church/cathedral practices and procedures;
- Knowledge of and contacts with musical activities and resources, both locally and regionally;
- Adequate keyboard skills to support rehearsals;
- Knowledge of a wider secular repertoire suitable for performance at charity concerts;
- Good vocal training skills;
- A positive enabling style of leadership to encourage choir to be their best;
- Sufficient time to devote to Laudamus rehearsals and performances;
- Good presentation skills necessary for communicating well with audiences;
- Ability and knowledge for composing programme notes;
- Good communication skills with the choir to ensure effective and enjoyable rehearsals.