

***Choir Details***

Name of Choir

Name of musical director/choir leader

Name and email address for correspondence

Please tick the box to confirm your consent to our retaining your details for correspondence re the 2026 festival and future events.

Preferred social media link for the choir

(website, Facebook, Instagram etc)

Number of singers likely to be taking part

(\*\*See below re size of the venues)

Description of the choir and the type of music that will be sung at the festival:

(no more than 50 words)

***How is your choir accompanied?***

Please note a good quality digital keyboard will be available at both venues for your use. To reduce changeover times, we would prefer you to use our keyboards.

Unaccompanied and we will have own means of giving notes YES/NO

Accompanied by digital keyboard YES/NO

Accompanied by backing tracks YES/NO

Is there anything else the Committee need to be aware of about the accompaniment of your choir?

Please provide a photo of your choir we can use for publicity purposes.

***Performance options***

Indicate the dates/times that your choir will be **able** to sing at the Usk Choral Festival. We expect to be over-subscribed with choirs and will have to disappoint some of you. Therefore, the more time slots you offer us, the higher the chances that your choir will gain a place in the festival. (Rehearsal times are optional)

Please note each choir will be asked to perform for no more than 20 mins. Actual performance times will be given out when the programme is finalised in November

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| **Date** | **Approximate Times** | **Choir available?**  Write yes or leave blank |
| Thursday 2nd July 2026 | Rehearsals 17.00 – 19.00  Concert 19.30 – 21.30 |  |
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| Friday 3rd July 2026 | Rehearsals 17.00 – 19.00  Concert 19.30 – 21.30 |  |
| Saturday 4th July 2026 | Rehearsals 11.30 – 13.00  Concert 13.00 – 15.00 |  |
| Saturday 4th July 2026 | Rehearsals 13.30 – 15.00  Concert 15.00 – 17.00 |  |
| Saturday 4th July 2026 | Rehearsals 15.30 – 17.00  Concert 17.30 – 19.30 |  |
| Saturday 4th July 2026 | Rehearsals 17.30 – 19.00  Concert 19.30 – 21.30 |  |
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| Sunday 5th July 2026 | Rehearsals 12.30 – 14.30  Concert 15.00 – 17.00 |  |
| Sunday 5th July 2026 | Rehearsals 14.30 – 16.30  Concert 17.00 – 19.00 |  |
| Sunday 5th July 2026 | Rehearsals 17.00 – 18.30  Concert 19.00 – 21.00 |  |

As there will be several choirs at each venue choirs will be allotted a rehearsal time which is designed to give time to organise the placement of singers and undertake a very brief vocal familiarisation session. We would ask that choirs keep strictly to their allotted time.

Our choir will not exceed the allotted time for either rehearsal or performance.

Please note that at Usk Choral Festival, all choirs stay for the whole of their concert to support their fellow singers. It is a condition of entry into the festival that you agree to stay in the audience for the whole of your concert. If your choir *cannot* do this, please *do not* apply to take part.

Our choir is happy to remain for the whole of their concert.

***Return the completed form and the photo by 30th September 2025 to*** [***uskchoralfestival@mail.com***](mailto:uskchoralfestival@mail.com)

***N.B. Forms received from choirs after this date will not be considered.***

***Venues***

St Mary’s Church can comfortably accommodate choirs with up to 70 members, if you are planning to bring over 70 singers, please be prepared for space to be tight (cosy), and the possible need to have some members of your choir stood on the church floor rather than the slightly raised platform.

The Sessions House is a more intimate venue which can accommodate choirs with up to approximately 25 members. Both venues have a good acoustic.

We will notify all choirs directly of our decision on their application by the *end of November 2025*. Please also keep an eye on our website for updates.

**Thank you for expressing your interest in taking part in the 2025 Usk Choral Festival.**