



# Rochester CATHEDRAL

## Rochester Cathedral Music Forever

Rochester Cathedral has a long history of making music, and as far back as the Venerable Bede's 'History of the English Nation' it was renowned for the way it trained singers. For nearly a thousand years this famous building has been brought to life by melody and harmony sung in praise of God.

In our own age Cathedrals play a vital role in keeping the choral tradition alive. Rochester continues to resound to the most sublime and wonderful music and our choirs provide exceptional music at over 200 services and events each year.

Someone once described Choral Evensong as 'the greatest free show on earth'. The reality is that it is free but far from cheap, and Cathedral music is in danger of disappearing from the English cultural landscape without a significant injection of funding. Music is our single largest expense, but we cannot sustain it if we don't take action now.

It costs £200,000 each year to ensure the continuity of Rochester's choral tradition, so we have established a Music Endowment to ensure that music will continue to ring out from within these walls far into the future.

You can donate gifts large and small to the Music Endowment, but for a larger sum you could 'Endow A Day Of Music'. £10,000 will endow a day's music in the Cathedral in perpetuity, and this is proving a popular way for people to remember a loved one or to celebrate an important family date. The money can be given by cash or legacy.

Rochester can be a centre of musical excellence for the whole community if we have the funds in place. Can you help us achieve this? If you can, there is a response form overleaf.

Thank you for supporting Music Forever at Rochester Cathedral.



Please complete this form and return by post to:

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## ENDOWMENT AND DONATION FORM

To: Rochester Cathedral Trust, Registered Charity No. 291616

Name(s): (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other:)

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

I/We wish to make a donation to the Music Endowment and enclose a cheque for

£ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to: The Rochester Cathedral Trust

I declare that I am a UK tax-payer and that this sponsorship/donation may be treated as a Gift Aid donation.

Signature:

Date:

I would like further information on how I can support with the following:

Endow A Day of Music

Legacy