

Bristol Cathedral residency - 31st July to 3rd August 2025

Our residency this summer is at Bristol Cathedral. We will be singing the services on 1st, 2nd and 3rd August and will start our rehearsals on the afternoon of Thursday 31st July with a group meal in the evening.

There has been no suitable student accommodation available at recent residencies, but we have been able to provisionally book places in one of the halls of residence in Bristol.

As cancellations will incur a charge from 6 months before the booking - end of January - we are asking for a commitment from those choir members who would like to stay in the student accommodation as soon as possible.

Julie Kendrick, Anna Dymond and I visited Bristol a few weeks before Christmas and met with the University events co-ordinator at the accommodation. It is situated at 33, Colston Street, Bristol and is a 10 minute walk downhill to the Cathedral, which means it's a walk uphill from the Cathedral to get back to the accommodation! For those who don't know Bristol, it is a very hilly place!!

The accommodation is approximately a 25 minute walk from Bristol Temple Meads station for those travelling to Bristol by train. There are buses and taxis available but we can look at further detail on that, nearer the time.

The accommodation that we have provisionally booked comprises of 2 flats, each with 8 single ensuite rooms and a communal kitchen and seating area in each flat. There is also a large communal area on the ground floor of the building. For those with any mobility issues, as mentioned, the accommodation is reached by a short walk up a steepish hill. There is a lift, which is only used for goods, due to fire regulations, so the flats have to be accessed using the stairs. There is no restaurant/cafe in the building but there are numerous shops around to buy provisions for breakfast and also many cafes.

The information provided by the University is as follows:-

- Bedrooms consist of a single bed with en-suite facilities.
- One bath towel and bed linen are provided (sheet, duvet, duvet cover, and one pillow with pillow case).
- No toiletries and no tea and coffee making facilities in the rooms.
- Communal areas are check-cleaned daily (Monday to Friday only).
- Guests to bring an extra towel if needed and toiletries.
- Kitchen packs will be provided so that guests can self-cater. This includes crockery, cutlery, glassware, cooking utensils, pans etc. There is a kettle, fridge and microwave in the kitchen.
- Bedrooms are within a flat of 8 and share a communal kitchen/dining area.
- There is a large communal area on the ground floor that guests can use. Pictures show a snooker table (or similar)

Access to the property is by key card. This card also provides access to the flat and the bedroom. Lost keys are £35 each. A charge will be applied for the cost of replacing any keys/cards which are lost or not returned when you check-out. There is free Wi-Fi

The cost per person per night is £82.80.

Please see below for some photos of the accommodation, and for more details and photos see this link [33 East Residential Village](#)

For those who prefer hotels or Airbnb accommodation, we think it wise to think about booking in good time. Bristol is a popular place for visitors and we are there in the height of the summer. There are numerous hotels in Bristol with a wide range of rates. We went to both the Travelodge and Ibis hotels, which are within easy walk of the Cathedral and are mid-range hotels. We are looking into possibly arranging a group rate at the Ibis but this is still under discussion. Costs for the 3 nights there are likely to be around £320 plus breakfast. Parking through the hotel is discounted but is between £10-13.50 per day. Non-discounted parking was around £20 per day.

Please have a think about this and sign up on the list at rehearsals by 28 January if you would like to stay in the student accommodation. If more than 16 people would like to book a place, we can request more rooms.

If you have any queries, please email me and Julie (sylviajoanwalker@hotmail.com and julie_kendrick@hotmail.com)

Many thanks.

Happy New Year!!

Sylvia



