
MORLAND CHORISTERS' CAMP



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Dear Chorister

We are delighted you are coming to the **50th Morland Choristers' Camp 2021**. This year will be slightly different as we must limit our numbers but we look forward to seeing you on **Sunday 25th July - Wednesday 28th July / Thursday 29th July - Sunday 1st August**. Please read carefully through the information in this letter, including the *Timetable* (schedules for both Camp 1 and Camp 2 enclosed for your information), *Clothes & Equipment* list and the *Camp Rules*. This year, we will not be forming groups in advance of Camp, but the *Nominal Roll* will inform you of everyone attending each Camp this year and posts of special responsibility.

SUPPLYING REGISTRATION INFORMATION

We would be grateful if as soon as possible you could please complete the relevant online Pre-Camp Registration Form which may be found at <https://morland.org.uk/forms/2021-pre-camp-registration-forms/>.

BEFORE CAMP

All Choristers, Seniors, and Staff will have to demonstrate **two negative COVID-19 rapid lateral flow tests*** in the week before Camp, sending proof of results to admin@morland.org.uk on **Monday 19th July / Thursday 22nd July** and **Thursday 22nd July / Monday 26th July**. Anyone getting a positive lateral flow test will have to take a PCR test before coming to Camp. In addition, a further test must be taken on arrival (or, in the case of the London party or others travelling considerable distance, before embarking on the journey) and a positive result will mean the Chorister cannot join Camp. Everyone will also be asked to fill in a **COVID-19 self-check health form** prior to Camp.

**You can order rapid lateral flow tests to your home or local pharmacy, or visit a test centre. Find out more information [here](#).*

Anybody (Choristers, Seniors, Staff, visitors) showing COVID-19 symptoms must not come to Morland.

BOOKING-IN

Arrival time is **between 11.00am and 12.30pm*** on **Sunday 25th July / Thursday 29th July***. Please book your arrival time online at <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BDDM> / <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BDXU>.

Everyone must report to the **Village Hall** (CA10 3AT) first in order to:

- Undertake a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test, or show proof of a test taken on the same day
- Hand in pocket money to Cashier/Bankers
- Consult the Nurse/First Aider if/as required
- Meet the Musical Directors, have height measured for seating

Following this, you will be shown to the Church and Campsite in order to:

- Hang up choir robes
- Stow bedding and baggage at the Campsite

On arrival, upon the Chorister receiving a negative test result, one parent/guardian will be able to accompany the Chorister through check-in. Any other family members must wait in the carpark. Members of staff will be available outdoors for any questions you may have.

*ALTERNATIVE ARRIVAL TIMES

We are aware some Choristers will be travelling by train and arrival times will not fall within this time frame. If you require a shuttle between Penrith train station and Morland, please let us know your train's arrival time as soon as possible.

Seniors need to arrive preferably by 1.30pm on Saturday / 7.30pm on Wednesday. Alternative arrangements should be discussed with the House Parents.

For those new to Morland, it is easily accessible as follows:

- From **the North** and M6 Junction 40 (via Cliburn): enter Morland with the church on your left; go straight ahead up the hill (bearing right at the traffic island towards Newby). The Village Hall is on the right as you leave the village, next to the school.
- From **the South** and M6 Junction 39 (via Newby): the Village Hall is on the left as you enter Morland.
- From **the East** and A66 (via Bolton): go through Morland and up the hill, bearing left at the traffic island. The Village Hall is on the right as you leave the village, next to the school. A sketch map of Morland village is included in this letter.

SERVICES, CONCERTS & PRIZEGIVING

The **Concert** this year will take place at **Morland Church**.

Evensong will take place at **Morland Church** / **Evensong** will take place at **Carlisle Cathedral**.

Prizegiving on Wednesday / Sunday will take place outside on Morland House lawn, weather permitting.

Parents, families and friends are most welcome at Prizegiving.

We hope to be able to welcome parents and friends to the 'public events' on the Timetable marked for their attention (*). We are currently awaiting announcements regarding the easing of social distancing or any continuing restrictions to indoor gatherings from 19th July. Once we receive relevant information, we will send out links in order to book your place(s).

Visitors will be allowed into Morland Church and Carlisle Cathedral in accordance with their policies at the time. The Sunday morning Eucharist at Morland will be, as usual, the Parish service with Camp providing the choir, but visitors from outside the parish will not be encouraged to attend.

Even if we are able to have congregations/audiences, the 'public events' will be also videoed, and will either be live-streamed or recorded to be available at a later date.

We will not be encouraging family and visitors to mix with choristers until the final day of each Camp.

We no longer sell tickets for any events. Instead, [donations](#) will be invited.

'FRIENDS OF MORLAND' CHORAL EVENSONG, CARLISLE CATHEDRAL

A regular fixture in the calendar of *The Friends of Morland Choristers Camp* (an association of former and current choristers and staff, and their families, friends and other supporters) is to sing **Evensong in Carlisle Cathedral** on the last Saturday of Camp. Please note, this will not be taking place this year.

DEPARTURE

We need to ensure that every Chorister aged under 18 is handed back to the responsibility of a nominated adult at the end of Camp. Camp ends on Wednesday 28th July following a short Prizegiving after Evensong (around 5.00pm) / Sunday 1st August following a short Prizegiving after Eucharist (around 12.30pm). There is a section on the online *Pre-camp Registration Form* for parents to tell us the arrangements for collecting choristers.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any **questions or concerns before Camp starts**, please contact either us or an appropriate member of the camp staff as follows:

Administration: David Jones (01931 714338), Cathy Martin (07507 764683) or email admin@morland.org.uk

House Parents: Simon Gordon (07843 207876) or Ruth Evans (07889 142546);

Music Directors: Don Gillthorpe (07974 540037) or Oli Tarney (07595 918563);

Chaplain: The Revd Carrie Thompson (07866 703378).

For **contact while the Camp is in progress**, please note the following information.

- a) Any parents/guardians wishing to telephone Camp while it is in progress may do so as follows:
 - The Camp's Administrator 07507 764683 (answer or voice-mail 24 hours a day)
 - The Camp's General Manager 01931 714338 (answer or voice-mail 24 hours a day)
- b) Letters to choristers attending Camp should be addressed as follows:
[Name of chorister], Morland Choristers Camp, Newby End Farm, Newby, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 3EX
- c) If Camp Staff need to contact a parent/guardian during Camp, they will use the contact details supplied by the parent/guardian on the online *Pre-Camp Registration Form*. Please ensure that these appropriately cover the period during which the camp takes place.

INFORMATION FOR NEW CHORISTERS

At this point, we usually provide information for new Choristers to let you know what to expect. This year will look slightly different, and we will go through everything with everyone at the start of each Camp.

If you need to know something, just ask. Or, if you forget to take something or lose it - say so. If you feel unwell, see the Camp Nurse/First Aider on Duty or another member of staff. If ever you are worried about something, please tell someone - there are notices in different places telling you of people you can talk to. And, if you need someone during the night, there is always a member of staff in the Duty Staff on the Campsite in the Duty Tent.

We are all - choristers and staff - here to help you. We want you to be happy and have a lot of fun.

Enjoy the week!

Best wishes,

David Jones (General Manager) & Cathy Martin (Camp Administrator)

The Camp's written policies on Child Protection, Bullying, Health & Safety in general, Discipline and Complaints are available to any chorister or parent upon request to the Admin Team or Safeguarding Lead.

TIMETABLE

CAMP 1

** Parents and friends are welcome at these events (tbc)*

Sunday 25th July

from 11.00	Choristers arrive (at specific time via TryBooking)
13.00	Lunch
14.30	Rehearsal (with break at 15.30)
18.00	Dinner
19.00	Rehearsal (with break at 19.45, end 20.30)
21.30	Lights out

Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th July

08.00	Breakfast
09.00	Inspection
09.30	Prayers
09.45	Rehearsal (with break at 10.45)
11.15	Rehearsal (small groups)
12.20	Rehearsal (full)
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Afternoon activity (wide-game / dam-building)
17.00	<i>Down-time</i>
18.00	Dinner
19.00	Rehearsal (with break at 19.45, end 20.30)
20.30	Compline (Church)
21.30	Lights out

Wednesday 27th July

08.00	Breakfast
09.00	Packing/cleaning
09.45	Prayers
10.00	Rehearsal (end 10.45)
11.15	Change into concert clothes
12.00	Concert* (Morland Church)
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Rehearsal
15.00	Evensong* (Morland Church)
16.00	Prizegiving and refreshments
17.00	End and departure

TIMETABLE

CAMP 2

** Parents and friends are welcome at these events (tbc)*

Thursday 29th July

09.00	Breakfast and Staff & Senior Singers meeting
from 11.00	Choristers arrive (at specific time via TryBooking,. inc. voice tests)
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Rehearsal
15.00	Afternoon activity (eg. wide-game)
17.00	Rehearsal
18.00	Dinner
19.00	Rehearsal (with break at 20.00, end 21.00)
21.00	Compline (Church)
22.00	Lights out (23.00 for 16-17s)

Friday 30th July

08.00	Breakfast
09.00	Inspection
09.30	Prayers
09.45	Rehearsal (end 11.30)
12.30	Lunch, followed by travel to Carlisle
c.14.00	Rehearsal
16.30	Break and refreshments
17.45	Evensong* (Carlisle Cathedral)
18.45	Travel back to Morland
19.45	Supper
22.00	Lights out (23.00 for 16-17s)

Saturday 31st July

08.00	Breakfast
09.00	Inspection
09.30	Prayers
09.45	Rehearsal
12.00	Concert* (Morland Church)
13.30	Lunch
15.00	Afternoon activity (eg. dam-building)
18.00	Dinner
19.00	Rehearsal (with break at 20.00, end 21.00)
22.00	Lights out (23.00 for 16-17s)

Sunday 1st August

08.00	Breakfast (wearing smart clothes)
09.00	Rehearsal (Village Hall)
10.08	Procession
10.15	Parish Eucharist in Morland Church
11.45	Prizegiving and refreshments
c.12.30	End and departure

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CAMP RULES

We aim to operate as an All-Age Family, the older ones looking after the younger ones. This works well, but every family needs its Rules so they are being circulated in advance in order that everyone knows where they stand.

1. The Camp is a Non-Smoking Area, in the interests of singing and health.
2. The Crown Inn is Out-of-Bounds to those under 16. The Licensees are given a list of those who are 16 and 17 years old and will adhere to the law in not serving them alcoholic drinks. The Camp will operate a shop selling soft drinks, sweets etc.
3. Choristers are not permitted dangerous or distracting articles (e.g. knives, matches, televisions). Chewing gum is heavily discouraged and is banned in the church or other public buildings.
4. Choristers must be considerate in their use of mobile phones, cameras and digital/social media. They must not be used during rehearsals, services/concerts and other public events, or between lights-out and 7.00 in the morning. Photos/videos must not disclose spoken or visual contact details or personal information. Interaction with fellow choristers on digital/social media must follow the same principles of considerate behaviour as face-to-face interaction.
5. Unless told otherwise, Choristers must stay within the area of Morland Village bounded by the School, Campsites, Church and Morland House at all times. The Beck is Out-of-Bounds. Each Campsite is Out-of-Bounds to everyone other than those Choristers or Staff whose sleeping accommodation it is or who are on duty there. The Village Hall similarly (except when rehearsals are taking place). Choristers aged under 18 should not normally walk through the Village alone.
6. We hope to welcome parents and friends to attend the public events on the Timetable marked for their attention, however this will be determined by government restrictions surrounding social distancing and capacity limits indoors. To preserve the integrity of our COVID-19 procedures, visitors will be strictly limited. Any visitors to camp will be asked to take a rapid lateral flow test and asked to social distance from the choristers.
7. Parking space at Morland House is only available to staff staying there. Any cars brought to Camp by Choristers may be used only by special arrangement with the House Parents.
8. The basic rule of having a worthwhile and enjoyable Camp is that we all, young and old, take trouble to be in the right place at the right time with the right equipment and Choristers do what they are told as quickly as they can.

NECESSARY CLOTHES AND EQUIPMENT

In addition to ordinary everyday wear, you will need:

For the church services

- Choir robes and ribbons (unless you have registered to borrow robes at camp)
- Smart clothes
 - Boys: white shirts, plus grey/black trousers (not denim or jeans), dark shoes and a tie
 - Girls: smart clothes (not denim or jeans) and dark shoes (not very high heels) – appropriate for Church

For the concert

- Smart clothes
 - Boys: same as for Church
 - Girls: smart clothes and smart shoes

For outdoor and sports

- Water bottle ½–1 litre (inexpensive plastic from supermarket is ideal – label will be supplied)
- Waterproof jacket
- Wellington boots or other waterproof shoes
- Warm fleece or hoody
- Sports clothes and shoes
- Old trainers/gym shoes (these will get wet at dam-building).
- Swimming kit and towel (useful for dam-building)

For overnights

- Bed roll*
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Towel
- Toiletries
- A small torch

*PLEASE DO NOT BRING CAMP BEDS or AIR BEDS (*their noise disturbs other people and space is too limited to accommodate them*)

- **Medication** - any prescription medicines etc required.
If medicines need to be kept secure please bring them in a secure container. (Any special requests should be noted on the *Pre-Camp Registration Form* including storage of spare medication by the Camp's Health Team).
Choristers bringing Epipens are strongly advised to bring two – one to be carried with them and one to be held by the Camp's Health Team. We also invite you on the *Pre-Camp Registration Form* to authorise Camp staff to supply common items of medication as required.

Please note that, although the Camp Nurse/First-Aider are on hand, choristers are expected generally to be responsible for their own medication. Non-prescription products, such as sun cream, insect repellent, throat lozenges, girls' hygiene etc should be brought as necessary (supplies are also kept by the Nurse/First-Aider).

- **Pocket money** - between £5-£15 is recommended – this is to be handed to Bankers on arrival for safekeeping and then available as required

A tuck shop is open twice a day but parents are particularly asked not to send substantial quantities of 'junk food'. The Camp menus are carefully thought out and it is important for choristers to eat well in the interests of good health and good singing. Please also avoid chewing gum!

PLEASE NAME/LABEL CLOTHES AND POSSESSIONS!

