

To Ashford schools and youth organisations,

Re: Big Sing for Children
Saturday 15th June 2024, 11.00am–4.00pm
St Mary's Church, Church Road, Willesborough, TN24 0YR

This is a free event to encourage children of 9–13 years of age to participate in a day of enjoyable singing.

The aims of the day are:

- to enjoy singing the songs from the sacred musical “Called” by Mark Burrows
- tick a few boxes for Key Stage Two and Three Music, including learning and experiencing a few aspects of music reading
- share the fantastic experience of singing together
- at the end of the day, share the results in a short fun performance to family and friends

The church Café will be open for free drinks for children during the day; children should bring their own packed lunches.

- 10.45am – Participants arrive.
- 11.00am – Welcome
- 3.00pm – Final break / Parents arrive
- 3.20pm – Short concert
- 3.40pm – Cup of tea for all followed by end of day

Present during the day will be a highly qualified team, including the musicians employed in the Ashford Town Parish (Church of England) and The Reverends Charlotte Coles and Teena Twelves.

The day will be led by Bryan Gipps, who has conducted in venues such as Canterbury Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, and spent a lifetime working in schools as well as being a Tutor for the Royal School of Church Music.

All children are accepted for the day, as long as we receive a completed application form. Application forms and further details are available through the QR code on the poster, from the website below, or through the Parish Office: info@ashfordchurches.co.uk or 01233 620433.

On arrival, parents must deliver children to one of the staff, and collect similarly at the end of the day. If someone else is to collect a child at the end of the day, a member of staff must be informed when the child arrives. A contact number must be left with a member of staff for each child.

The Child Protection Policy is available through the Parish Office.

www.ashfordtownparish.co.uk/bigsing