

TOP 5 MYTHS ABOUT MUSIC AT RUNNYMEDE



1. YOU HAVE TO READ MUSIC TO JOIN.

Chances are you know more than you think about reading music! However, many in the Chancel choir do not read music, and rehearsals are used to both learn music and help develop basic reading skills.

2. YOU MUST COMMIT TO EVERY PRACTICE AND EVERY SUNDAY

In a perfect world, everyone would block off every Thursday night and Sunday morning from September to June. But real life often interferes with volunteer commitments and we completely understand that. All we ask for is a general commitment to the choir and a realistic perspective on your own preparedness from week to week. If you feel ready to sing on a Sunday morning, then so do we! For those who prefer shorter commitments, join our Christmas or Easter choir, which supplements the Chancel Choir for special services such as Carols by Candlelight, Christmas Eve, Good Friday and Easter. These groups usually rehearse approximately 6 weeks before Christmas or Easter.

3. CHOIR IS “ALL WORK, NO PLAY”.

Choir can be a lot of fun, especially with some of the characters in our group! We laugh almost as much as we sing, and we enjoy a casual atmosphere that still allows for great music making. Add to that a monthly night out at a local pub for social time – the fun is never-ending!

4. I DON'T SING WELL ENOUGH

Vocal training is not a requirement for being part of a Runnymede music group. We can help you find the voice part that is most comfortable, and our section leads provide strong vocal leadership to assist everyone to find their voice.

5. I'M TOO OLD/YOUNG FOR CHOIR.

Chancel Choir is open to all interested people ages 14 and up. For those younger singers, we have the Runnymede Kids Choir, which meets Sundays after church for 30 minutes of singing and instruments and participates in worship once a month. There is also the Sunday Night Worship band, which performs contemporary Christian music for Sunday evening services.

So join a musical group this fall and see how much fun making music can be!

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