



OUR LADY OF HAL RC CHURCH • CAMDEN, LONDON

HAL SINGERS OCTET AUDITIONS

SOLOISTS/OPERA SINGERS WITH CHORAL EXPERIENCE

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2026

For details of the engagement fee, please email the Music Director.

VACANCIES • SOPRANO 1 • SOPRANO 2 • BARITONE/BASS 1

Following highly successful Holy Week and Easter liturgies, the recently formed Hal Singers are seeking three accomplished singers to join our professional octet - two singers to each part - for Advent and Christmas at Our Lady of Hal Roman Catholic Church, Camden, London.

Due to current singers' work and family commitments, these three places are now available. The church is less than a five-minute walk from Camden Town Underground Station on the Northern line.

WHO WE ARE SEEKING

We would be delighted to hear from soloists/opera singers with choral experience. As a guide, our singers include current students and recent graduates of vocal and opera schools at leading national and international music conservatoires. However, applications are warmly welcomed from all suitably experienced singers.

- Working knowledge of the main vocal languages, including Latin.
- The discipline to arrive fully 'note-ready' before rehearsals.
- Musicality and sensitivity, both as a soloist and as part of an ensemble.
- Availability for the entire schedule.

We are a friendly, warm and supportive group of professional musicians. We seek singers who combine a high professional standard with warmth, generosity, reliability and a positive attitude towards colleagues and congregations.

Experience in singing at Catholic Mass or Anglican Eucharist is desirable, but not essential. All faiths and none are welcome. Respectful participation in Catholic worship - including standing, kneeling and responses - is required.

ENGAGEMENT SCHEDULE

FRI 27 NOV	Advent Liturgy rehearsal Three hours; start time TBC.
SUN 29 NOV	Advent Carol Liturgy Rehearsal 2.15pm; liturgy 3.15pm.
WED 16 DEC	All-day rehearsal for the remaining Christmas liturgies 10.30am-5.30pm. Lunch, drinks and snacks provided.
FRI 18 DEC	Nine Lessons and Carols Liturgy 7.15pm.
THU 24 DEC	Christmas Eve Carols 9.30pm; 'Midnight Mass' 10.00pm.
FRI 25 DEC	Christmas Day Mass 11.00am.

On-the-day rehearsal: approximately one hour before each liturgy or Mass.

Transport support: Should you not have your own transport, accommodation and/or Uber/Taxi journeys within a reasonable distance of London will be provided after Midnight Mass and on Christmas Day.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Prepare one opera, oratorio or stand-alone sacred aria by Handel or Mozart, reflective in style. We do not subscribe to the myth that Handel and Mozart should only be sung by 'lighter' voices. A second contrasting piece is welcome but may not be heard.

FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES - For the right singer, there may be scope to join:

- The weekly Solo Cantor Rota (£75 per Mass x 2 Sunday Masses - £150).
- The Hal Singers Octet for Holy Week and Easter March 2027.
- Hal Singers Quartet (£80 per 2hr Rehearsal & £80 per Mass - £160).

HOW TO APPLY

Email the Music Director with: 1. a current CV or professional biography; 2. a recent recording; and 3. your audition availability between Friday 18 September and Monday 28 September.

Daytime weekday auditions are preferred; however, we can offer flexibility for evening and weekend auditions where necessary.

Previous applicants need not apply. Auditions may close early if suitable singers are appointed. If necessary, auditions may resume from Thursday 8 October to Thursday 15 October; our preference is to complete appointments as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you.

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