

Blackburn Cathedral, Sunday 16th March 2014

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Chorister Ceremonies

Choral Evensong on Sunday 16th March was special for several reasons – for not only were some of our cathedral choristers promoted, but also there was a new chorister to be formally admitted to the cathedral choir by the Dean.

And there were two other reasons: (i) the service was attended by our cathedral Welcomers. Our Welcomers play an important role in the cathedral's outreach, for when visitors enter our cathedral for the first time (and they have to go through three doors to do this – that takes courage) it's very good to find a smiling face to greet them.

And (ii) this was the last Sunday before the remaining scaffolding was removed – for skilled painters has been restoring the Nave ceiling for 8 weeks – in preparation for the visit of HM The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on Maundy Thursday.



The cathedral choir was, as ever, in fine voice for that service, and it was a particular joy to hear choir prefect **Oliver Fulwell** sing the demanding solos in Dyson's exquisite setting of the *Magnificat in F*, for he was about to be promoted to Deputy Head Chorister.



Director of Music **Samuel Hudson** was Master of Ceremonies: **Sebastian Roberts** was promoted to Prefect.

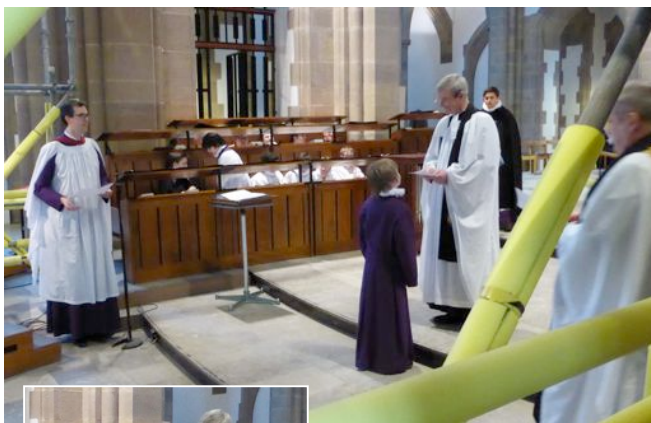
Sebastian, as you will have seen on the cathedral's website ([Blackburncathedral / music](#)) **M&M 37 SINGATHON**, is also a composer, so we shall expect great things from him in his new role!



Lee Felipes and **Luke Felipes** were promoted to Senior Chorister. (Your photographer wishes that he could have had a better view, but the scaffolding was in the way!)



And finally, **Jacob Reddy** was admitted as a full member of the cathedral choir, having successfully completed his training as a probationer.



What a difference it makes to wear a surplice for the first time!

The Dean is very good at conducting chorister ceremonies (the Dean is very good at everything!) for he not only makes every chorister feel special, but he also makes a point of thanking their parents for all that they give to the cathedral!

**Congratulations
and joy all round!**