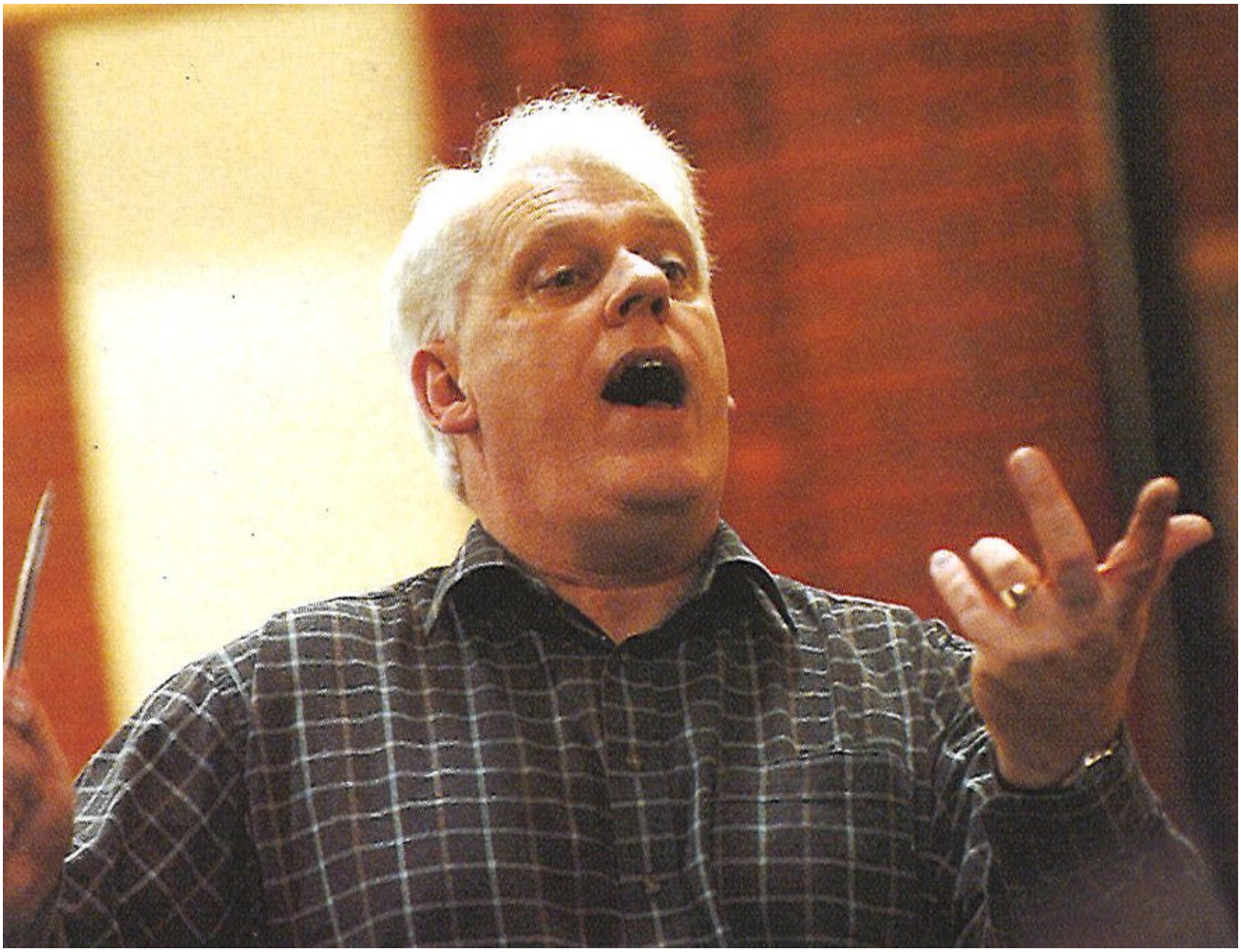
THE OUSELEY CHURCH MUSIC TRUST



Martin Pickering

General Background

The Ouseley Church Music Trust (the "Trust") is a registered charity constituted by a Cypres Scheme made by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales in 1986. There are 12 trustees appointed for terms of either four-or five-years renewable. The Trust has a permanent endowment in excess of £5 million.

The Trust's object is to Advance Choral Excellence within the liturgy of the Church of England, the Church in Wales, and the Church of Ireland. To further this object, the Trust distributes approximately £120,000 per annum to churches, cathedrals, schools, and choral foundations.

The Martin Pickering Award

In 2019, the trustees set up a dedicated fund to commemorate its treasurer-trustee, Martin Pickering, who had died suddenly in 2016. Martin Pickering was an active professional singer and conductor both in Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire, as well as a Lay Canon of Lincoln Cathedral and he worked to foster musical talent wherever he made music. The object of this fund (the

"Martin Pickering Award") is to give grants to individuals born or brought up in Lincolnshire, or Nottinghamshire for the following purposes:

- To encourage young people who have shown vocal potential to become choristers in parish churches, cathedrals or choral foundations in England, Wales, or Ireland.
- To enable young people (aged under 22) to become choral or organ scholars, or lay clerks, in a parish church, cathedral or choral foundation; and
- To defray the costs of courses or training for young people (aged under 22) who are choristers, choral scholars, or organ scholars.

How to Apply

- Candidates are invited to apply by completing a simple application form, which is available, in hard copy, via email or via the online procedure on the Trust's website.
- The applicant will need to give details of a person who will support the application and nominate them for an award for a Martin Pickering Award. We will contact this person to comment on the applicant's musical ability. This person would normally be the Director of Music or Vicar/Canon Precentor from the applicant's Church or Cathedral. Candidates should discuss their application with this person prior to submitting their application.
- Candidates will also need to submit recent video footage of them singing.
- The Pickering Committee will make recommendations on awards to the Trustees of the Ouseley Church Music Trust.
- Once Trustees have met and decided on any awards, the outcomes will communicated in writing to the applicants.

Further Information

To obtain an application form please contact:
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