# The Chapel Royal Audio Tour

# Hampton Court Palace

## Overview

Director of Music, Carl Jackson, introduces the Chapel Royal.

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### Carl Jackson

I’m Carl Jackson and I’m director of Music here at the Chapel Royal at Hampton Court Palace.

The Chapel Royal, as you can see, looks like a building but it’s really a body of priests and singers who administered to the spiritual needs of the sovereign and they travelled with the sovereign from Palace to Palace.

Nowadays the Chapel Royal is based at St James palace but there are also two daughter establishments, here at Hampton Court and at the Tower of London.

The court was last here in 1737 and after that there was a break until a permanent choir was established here at Hampton court in 1868.

The palace is rather special in having a place of worship complete with a choir which sings the services in the cathedral tradition on Sundays and on the Holy Days of the church, and the services are open to all, and we very much hope that you will want to come to Hampton Court to appreciate the beauty of the music which adorns the liturgy in this very special place.

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