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Four Chorister Valedictions

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Four of our most senior choristers were valedicted at the Sunday morning Eucharist – for not only was it appropriate to do them honour at this service, but also, that afternoon, the Archbishop of York was going to dedicate our new Cathedral Court – which would leave no time for such important Valedictions.



Head chorister **Sebastian Roberts** was crucifer for the last time.

Canon Hindley preached the sermon – which was largely a tribute to the devotion of all our choristers, and especially today when four of the longest serving trebles would be graduating. He said that they must have heard over 300 sermons during their time in the choir! This produced smiles from **Seb Roberts!**



L-R: Prefects **Lee Felipes & Luke Felipes**. Deputy Head Chorister **Zak Tayler** and Head Chorister **Seb Roberts**.



Stewart Hopkinson, Chairman of the Choirs' Association, gave each chorister an Old Chorister tie, and then handsome books of Common Prayer were given – *'These books have guided the lives of Christians around the world for over 350 years: may they guide your lives, too.'* And **Samuel Hudson** gave each chorister a hymn book.

At the end of the service they were blessed, and recessed with the clergy.



Then came the Valedictions:



It was the end of an era, and the beginning of a new one.