

## About Olivia Sparkhall

Olivia Sparkhall is an award-winning composer, conductor, teacher, and author. Her professional background is in music education where she works as a vocal coach, workshop leader, lecturer, and animateur. In demand as a choral conductor, her youth choirs have won Choir of the Year competitions several times, and have been finalists in the televised BBC Songs of Praise choir competitions. She has led masterclasses for young conductors, singing workshops for primary school-children, and repertoire



sessions for church congregations. Olivia conducts massed choir concerts for the charity Barnardo's, and runs a popular musical theatre choir for adults in her home town of Fordingbridge.

An experienced teacher and lecturer, Olivia specialises in helping youngsters with vocal issues, drawing on her expertise in children's voices. She lectures on this subject for Voice Study Centre (University of Essex), and gives workshops for teachers on different aspects of working with young singers. She has had articles published on vocal warm-ups for children (Choral Directions Research Journal), choral music written by women (Women & Music: A Journal of Gender and Culture), and composing for the community (International Journal of Community Music). Her recent book, *A Young Person's Guide to Vocal Health*, was a finalist in the Music and Drama Education Awards 2024.