



Caritas Harmony



Christmas Spectacular at St. Mary's, Dunstable

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On 11 December we returned for a second year to St Mary's RC Church in Dunstable for our Christmas Spectacular. Again we were joined by the children's voices of The Hadrian Academy Choir to present a range of Christmas songs and carols, encouraged by a warm and enthusiastic audience. Generous donations were made to MacMillan Cancer Support.

At the end of November we made a welcome return to Bushmead Court to entertain residents and friends – in return for excellent refreshments! This is an opportunity to sing for those who might not otherwise get to our concerts and we are always rewarded with lovely comments.

At the beginning of December Caritas Harmony was delighted to accept an invitation from Toddington Music Society to entertain them with some of our Christmas music. In the beautiful setting of St George's Church, the Choir presented a selection of traditional carols and more contemporary songs, to a very appreciative audience.

To complete our Christmas season, by popular request we returned to the Lansdowne Club in Luton for a festive concert performing some of our favourite songs.

Luton Airport

At the invitation of Liz Hughes, the senior Chaplain at Luton Airport, a group of choir members went to sing Christmas music in the Arrivals Hall one evening in December as part of a programme of festive entertainment for travellers. Unfortunately a fog had descended over the Airport and many planes were delayed, but those passengers passing by were generous in their praise and donations to MacMillan Cancer Support. The mulled wine and mince pies were much appreciated!



Our new choir photo taken at Ashridge House. We were very pleased to have an up-to-date photo which included some of the new members. Many thanks to the photographer Ralph Rapley for his time, expertise and patience!

On 2 December, a small group of choir members joined with other choirs to entertain the crowds when the Mayor turned on the Christmas lights in Dunstable. Despite it being a very wet evening it was an enjoyable event. We are pleased to support the Mayor and our forthcoming Summer Serenade on 11 June at the Grove Theatre in Dunstable will be an opportunity to raise money for the Mayor's chosen charities this year.

Summer Serenade
— 6.00PM SUNDAY 11 JUNE 2017 —
Funds raised from this performance will go towards supporting the Dunstable Mayor's Charities

The Grove Theatre, Dunstable
Grove Park, Court Drive, Dunstable LU5 4GP



ADULTS: £15* **CHILDREN £13***
*A £1.95 transaction fee will be added per booking to online and telephone bookings.

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Thomas Elwin

The choir is delighted to announce that exciting young tenor, Thomas Elwin, will join them as a supporting artist for the concert.

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Adrian Mills

Summer Serenade will be compiled by TV & Radio Presenter Adrian Mills.

Our Musical Director, Margaret, is a very busy lady. Not only is she *our* Musical Director but fulfils the same role with Peterborough Gilbert and Sullivan Players. So it was only natural that at some point she would want us to share a stage. April Fool's Day saw us heading up the A1 in a coach for a concert at the Voyager Academy where we showcased some of our favourite music, and some new songs, alongside some excellent Gilbert and Sullivan songs performed by members of the G&S Players, including a very humorous rendition of 'A Policeman's Lot Is Not A Happy One' featuring Margaret's husband, Simon. This is the second time in recent years that we have ventured away from the Luton and Dunstable area by coach and it is gratifying that our music has been so well received in 'foreign' parts.



In recent months the Choir has been delighted to welcome almost a dozen new members and they are working towards their first performances. Most, if not all, the 'Lovely Ladies' remember the buzz of their first concert and we hope these new recruits will be similarly excited. If you or a friend would like to sing, you are welcome to attend a rehearsal to see if Caritas Harmony might be the choir for you. There is no requirement to read music and Margaret will help guide you to the best part of the choir for your voice.

Our committee for 2017

Chair: Brenda Wood

Vice Chair: Marie Tite

Treasurer: Eileen Reid

Concert Organiser: Annamaria Macchi

General Secretary: Sue Tunnicliff

Marketing Secretary: Julia Holder

Membership Secretary: Kathy Knight

If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Kathy at: Kathy.Knight@ntlworld.com

Many thanks to the outgoing committee members, Judith Evans and Claire Kirby, for their dedication and hard work.

Forthcoming events for 2017

Abbots Langley 29 April

MS Society 13 May

Summer Serenade, Grove Theatre 11 June

Hitchin Festival 15 July

Wayside Cottage 5 August

Dunstable Salvation Army 11 October

AT Society, Harpenden, 21 October

St.Mary's Church, Pirton, 2 December

Christmas Gala Concert, Dunstable,
10 December

As you can see we have a busy year ahead, raising money for various charities, rather than just the one. If you would like more details about any of the concerts, please look at the website:

www.caritasharmony.co.uk