

# We'll Sing for You

## Concerts, Weddings and Farewells

We've helped raise hundreds of thousands of pounds for charitable causes over our many years of singing. Whether it's to fight cancer, liver disease or put a new roof on a village hall, we're available to help with your fund raising event or bring a special touch to a personal day.

We sing in vast cathedrals or small churches, grand balls or village halls. Pubs, clubs and living rooms – we'll adjust our numbers to suit. Concerts are at least once a month but book early – our diary fills up quickly.

## Come and Sing with Us

### No Experience, No Auditions, No Sight Reading

We welcome new singers and invite you to come along and try us out. We'll help you work out if your voice fits with 1<sup>st</sup> Tenor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tenor, Baritone or Bass.

**"But I'm not Welsh"** – That's not a problem, many of our choristers aren't Welsh. Some join because they've got Welsh connections but others join just because they love that special harmony that is Welsh male voice singing.

**"I can't make such a big commitment"** – We only rehearse once a week and there's no 3-line whip to attend; it really isn't that onerous. You'll enjoy it so much you'll make time, and not everyone attends every concert.

**"I'm too shy to perform"** – You'll be amongst lots of friends so you can hide. And the audiences don't bite.

There's a great social aspect to being in the choir. We often relax with a drink in the pub after concerts and continue the singing with an "afterglow". We also hold an annual dinner, Christmas get together and summer social.

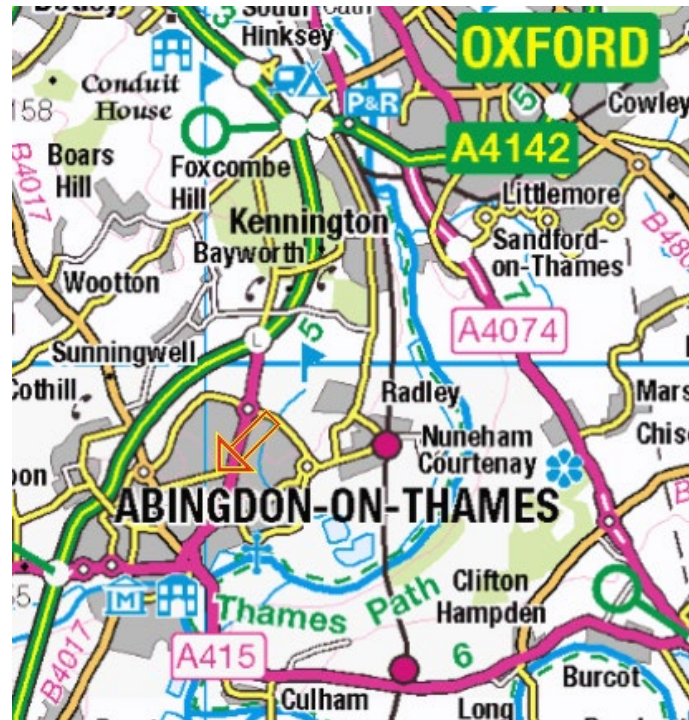
Subscriptions aren't bad either – less than £3.00 a week.

## Rehearsals

### Christ Church

Northcourt Road, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 1PL

Rehearsals are held every Thursday throughout the year, from 7.30 to 9.30pm. Prospective members can come and listen or join in and try us out. Equally, prospective event organisers are also welcome. Just get in touch to make arrangements.



### Contact or "follow" us

You can find out more about us on the internet:

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## We'll Sing for You or Come and Sing with Us



Started in 1928 and still singing strong



# About us

The Choir was founded in 1928, by Welshmen drawn to Oxford to work at the Morris car factory. They soon made an impact on BBC radio and won several competitions in the early years. We don't take things quite so seriously these days but we do get to sing in some nice places.

Within Oxford we've performed at the Town Hall, the Oxford Union and the Sheldonian. Further afield, we've sung in the Royal Albert Hall, Westminster Abbey, Greenwich Maritime Museum and even along the touch line of Cardiff's Millennium Stadium. We've also performed in France, Holland, Tenerife and the USA.



# We always have fun.....



# Style and Content

## Welsh Hymns and Romantic ballads, Opera to Folk, Sacred or Secular

Our range is wide and varied, and our concerts are a carefully balanced selection of pieces. Of course we always include traditional Welsh hymns and folk songs loved by generations but we also enjoy music from other genres and cultures. Whether it's classical pieces by the likes of Mozart or Verdi, songs from musicals such as Les Miserables or classics by Queen, Elvis Presley or Robbie Williams. Concert programmes are planned to suit, based on an ever-changing repertoire. Songs for weddings, funerals and special occasions will be discussed with the families. We're happy to recruit soloists to add variety and balance to our concerts and the choir is particularly keen to support young performers in the early stages of their careers.

A few examples of our favourites include:

- Cwm Rhondda, Men of Harlech, Myfanwy and Calon Lân, Alexander's Ragtime Band, When the Saints and Delilah, Bohemian Rhapsody, Let it Be Me, She and The Rose. Danny Boy, You Raise Me Up and Unchained Melody.

# ...and often record CDs



1. Let All Men Sing
2. Llanfair
3. Anfonaf Angel
4. With a Voice of Singing
5. Danny Boy
6. If We Only Have Love
7. Pokarekare Ana
8. Fields of Athenry
9. Suo Gan
10. Alexander's Ragtime Band
11. Myfanwy
12. Tenaram Voce Audio (Sarah)

Available to buy mail order or at concerts

# Patrons and Sponsors

We rely on our patrons and sponsors, not just for their invaluable financial support but also for their presence at our concerts and other events and for the wonderful work they do to promote the choir around Oxfordshire and beyond. For a small annual patrons' subscription, we offer:

- A free ticket to our spring or autumn concert
- Reserved seat at concerts
- Free refreshments at our annual concerts
- Invitations to special events and social activities.
- Opportunities to join the choir at massed choir and other 'tour' events

Please let us know if you can support us, or need more information. (A Patrons Form can be found on our website).

