

## ***Junior Choir for the Music and Merriment Concert***

The Junior Concert Choir is a regular and well-established feature of the big St Mary's Winkfield 'Music and Merriment' Christmas Concert on 3 December 2022, at 7:30pm.

We had a lot of fun at our last concert in 2021 – and we will do so in 2022. Here is the 2019 Junior choir – some familiar faces?



### **Who can be in the Junior choir?**

Any child - Y4 to Y7 is a guide – can join – no experience of music required – just keenness to sing with other children. Children will be trained by me in 5 rehearsals to be amazing! It is important that each singer should if possible be at every rehearsal, but we can cope if it is necessary to miss one. Rehearsals are November Sunday evenings 6-7pm, plus a morning rehearsal 11am-12noon on the day of the concert that is: 6/11 6-7; 13/11 6-7; 20/11 6-7, 27/11 6-7 and 3/12 11-12; concert 7:30pm.

### **What will the children do?**

They start the concert by processing up a darkened church holding glowsticks, while singing the first 2 verses of 'Once in Royal David's City'.

Later in the first part of the concert, they perform three Christmassy pieces under my direction, accompanied by Henry Smith on the piano.

In the second part of the concert, they sing one or two verses of an audience carol.

### **Rehearsals**

I will personally take rehearsals, with the help of a piano accompanist, and we will also have a lady member of the concert management team present to advise parents about plans. Many parents like to stay to watch rehearsals, so we will always have several responsible adults present for safe-guarding purposes. I myself have a DBS certificate and have been directing the children's choirs for the concert for some years now.

The rehearsals will entail quite focussed work on singing and on the pieces, and children will benefit from singing at home between rehearsal to speed their learning.

### **Who am I?**

I'm Anthony Hodson, a lively 85-year-old; I have been an enthusiastic musician since I was young, have taught in many ways, including after-school club, and also in tutoring children from 7 to 15 in music and other subjects (which I still do).

### **What do you do next?**

Sign up some simple details, have your child take part in rehearsals, and in the concert, and then sit back and enjoy what the children can do! You child can join by you writing to me or giving me details today. It helps us if you can email us a recent photo of your child, to help us to recognise them quickly, but that is absolutely optional.

## Joining the Choir

Parents, all we need is the following details of you and your child:

Your name:	
Your telephone number (optional)	
Your email address	
Your child(ren)'s full name(s):	
Age (date of birth), and school year: e.g.Y6	
Name of school:	
Any other information that we need to know	

It is also useful for us to have a small photo of the child to help putting names to faces, but this is strictly optional.

All information supplied is kept confidential, in line with the GDPR policies of the Friends of St Mary's Winkfield.

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