



The Heritage Singers



Heritage Singers in St. Peter's Church, Thornor

The choir exists to continue the long tradition of choral music which has existed in the Church in England since Tudor times. It has been in existence for seventeen years, being formed initially from church musicians whose local choir was no longer viable. The choir sings mainly for Anglican or Church of England Services but has also sung for services in Churches of other traditions and aims to produce an English choral sound in the music sung.

The choir has performed in concerts, mainly to raise funds to help in the core work of singing for services. There is no charge made to sing a service, although donations are always appreciated towards the cost of maintaining the library of music, robes and other expenses. The concert repertoire, although containing many sacred pieces, adds secular works dating from Tudor times to the present day. What the choir has which is special is fellowship together, co-operation and concern for other choir members. This enables the soloists to not only sing as soloists but also blend in with the other members of the choir to produce the



Heritage Singers in Esztergom Cathedral, Budapest.

"Thank you so much to all the choir for such a wonderful event. Everyone went home happy and uplifted. It was all just totally excellent." Churchwarden of St. Hilda's Church, Cross Green.

sound required.

In our seventeen years of existence, we have sung in well over 300 venues, ranging from small village churches to prestigious cathedrals in England, Holland, Norway and America.



Heritage Singers in Dublin Cathedral

2011 included a Requiem Mass for the Earl of Newcastle in the church of St. Mary the Virgin and Offices in Worksop Priory; Evensong in Bolton Priory, All Saints Church, Helmsley; the Offices in Chester Cathedral; Evensong in Bradford Cathedral and St. Bartholomew's Church, Armley; a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in St. James' Church, Seacroft as well as a Come and Sing Messiah for the City.

2012 has seen us singing a Festal Evensong for the Epiphany in Malton Old Priory and a Come and Sing 'Crucifixion' in St. Mary's Church, Beeston. We are undertaking a tour of Wharfedale during May, as this is an area we have not really visited. Later we have a Festal Evensong for St. Botolph in St. Botolph's Church, Allertorpe and a visit to sing the Offices in Coventry Cathedral.

*'a truly splendid choir'
Dr. Simon Lindley, Master of the Music, Leeds Parish Church*



Heritage Singers in St. Nicholaaskerk Amsterdam



Heritage Singers in Outside Warkworth Church, Northumberland

Despite our exciting visits within Europe and the USA, we exist to sing music well and to bring it back to places which have lost it. We are equally happy to work alongside small village choirs in workshops to prepare a service or concert and enable others to still enjoy being part of a live performance.



Heritage Singers at Sicklinghall Church

The high standard we reach has been achieved through hard work and friendly co-operation. We would hope to share this with congregations or audiences wherever we are.

In 2013, we are planning a tour of the Baltic to mark the 10th. Anniversary of our first successful Tour of America.

The choir has made four CDs which were all well received and sold out quickly. We now have a fifth recording 'Choral Treasures'. Recording is not the main purpose of the choir. Live music is; created with and for other worshippers to experience the presence of God in their lives. A comment treasured from one service *'that was a truly spiritual moment for me'* makes all the effort worth-while.

*'The choir sang knowing that it was a service and not a concert, and that made a real difference.'
A Parishoner at Sicklinghall.*

What we offer

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Who are we ?

Worship

The choir is capable of leading worship for any standard service. We also offer special services of words and music for Lent; Advent; a time of Remembrance or in total contrast for a Festal Occasion. Our repertoire of Choral music has equipped us to be equipped for any choral service. Although no fee is charged for worship we would appreciate a donation towards our work.

Concerts

Not only do we have a repertoire of Sacred Music for Services but also an extensive repertoire of Secular Music to compliment this. We present the music with interesting and informative comments to help the audience appreciate what they are listening to. We do expect a fee for this, to be agreed when accepting the booking. A booking fee of £50.00 is needed when the event is confirmed.

Weddings

We are used to singing for services and so are ideally suited to Weddings. We make a charge for this and will send fuller details on request.

Workshops

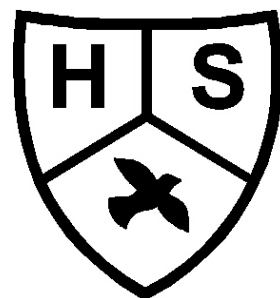
The choir will help with workshops for which there are a set of fees.

View us on You Tube:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKC6GBF_qkI

Heritage Singers

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I just wanted to say thank you so much for your beautiful voices at our wedding last weekend. It was a really perfect start to a wonderful day and everyone has been saying how impressed they were with both the sound and choice of music- absolutely spot on!

Musical Director

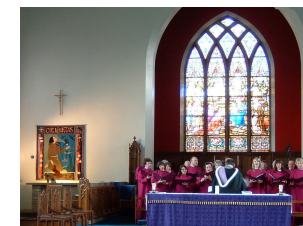
Tim Knight is a Choral and Orchestral Conductor of considerable experience and international renown. He is currently Principal of Yorkshire College of Music and Drama. As well as conducting the Heritage Singers and Heritage Masterworks Chorale, he runs choral workshops throughout the country and is an internationally well-known composer of both Choral and Orchestral works.



Tim conducting the Heritage Singers in a recent concert.

(More details visit: www.tim-knight.20m.com)

The Choir



Preparing for Evensong at St. Cuthbert's Pateley Bridge

The Heritage Singers is a choir of committed church musicians who travel from many parts of Yorkshire and beyond to attend rehearsals in Leeds. We are enthusiastic to share music throughout Yorkshire, England and the World!

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