

The Heritage Singers

The choir exists to continue the long tradition of choral music which has existed in the Church in England since Tudor times. We have been in existence for



Heritage Singers before Evensong at the Cathedral of the Isles, Cumbrae,

almost thirty 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 sound required.

In our twenty seven years of existence, we have sung in well over 500 venues, ranging from small village churches to prestigious ca-



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.

thedrals in England, Scotland, Holland, Norway and America.

2011 included a Requiem Mass for the Earl of Newcastle in the church of St. Mary the Virgin and Offices



Heritage Singers in Dublin Cathedral

in Workop 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 saw 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 undertook a tour of Wharfedale during May, as this was an area we have not really visited. Later we sang a Festal Service for St. Botolph in St. Botolph's Church, Allerthorpe and in July, visited Coventry Cathedral to sing the Offices there. Later in the year, we were asked to sing Carols in Kirkstall Abbey and the Leeds City Museum;

2013 continued with Evensong in Leeds Minster, a Festal Evensong in St. Peter's Church, Bramley for their 150th. Anniversary. We accepted an invitation to sing in the Cathedral of the Isles in summer and began

'a truly splendid choir'
Dr. Simon Lindley, Former Master of the Music, Leeds Minster



Heritage Singers in St. Nicholas Church, Amsterdam



Heritage Singers in Outside Warkworth Church, Northumberland

our twentieth year with Evensong in Leeds Minster. We sang a special service for Remembrance in St. Giles Church, Pontefract and will sing Evensong in St. Margaret's Church, Hawes in June 2014. In February 2015, we have been asked to sing the Offices in St. Thomas Church, 5th. Avenue, New York.



Heritage Singers at Sicklinghall Church

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. 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.

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

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 prepared for any choral service. We are equally at home singing hymns and happy to help lead a 'Songs of Praise' type service. Although no fee is charged for worship we would appreciate a donation towards the cost of our work.

Concerts

Heritage Masterworks Choral is a sister choir which specializes in concerts. Details can be provided to anyone who contacts us about a concert.

Weddings and Funerals

We are used to singing for services and so are ideally suited to Weddings. We can also provide singers and music for funeral services. 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

July 2021 edition

Heritage Singers

Yorkshire's Acclaimed Touring Choir



Nearly Thirty Years of Choral Service

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!

Who are we ?

Musical Director

Tim Knight is a Choral and Orchestral Conductor of considerable experience and international renown.



Tim preparing for practice with the Heritage Singers. in Coventry Cathedral

He is currently Principal of Yorkshire College of Music

and Drama. As well as conducting the Heritage Singers, Heritage Masterworks Chorale and Leeds Male Voice Choir, he runs choral workshops throughout the country and is an internationally well-known composer of both Choral and Orchestral works.

(More details visit: www.timknightmusic.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!

THE HERITAGE SINGERS

3, Warrel's Grove,
Bramley,
Leeds
LS13 3NN

Phone: 0113 257 6521

Mob: 0794 768 3108

E-mail: admin@heritage.singers.20m.com