

St Mary's Haughley Choir Report for Annual Parish Meeting May 2023

1. Summary

- Having had limited choir activities during the first two years of the Covid-19 Pandemic it is pleasing to be able to report that in the past 12 months we have enjoyed a return to “normality” with a resumption of weekly choir practices in the church and singing at Sunday services.
- We currently have a total of 12 choristers. If you know of anyone who enjoys singing and who would be interested to find out more about the choir please encourage them to have a word with Janet Sheldrake, or any of our choir members.

2. Highlights of the past year

- **June 2022** - The choir invited others in the community to join us in a concert to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The “enlarged” choir comprising some 25 singers made a wonderful sound. An audience of around 200 packed into the church and enjoyed a musical reflection of the Queen's 70 year reign. The evening culminated in “Promenade Concert” style with audience participation and much flag waving.
- **September 2022** - The choir participated in the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Annual Sponsored Ride & Stride singing at Gipping Chapel, Stowupland, Old Newton and Haughley.
- **September 2022** - The choir was honoured and privileged to sing at the memorial service to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in St Mary's Haughley.
- **December 2022** - The choir was busy during December singing at various Christmas events, namely the Haughley “Switch-on”, a Christmas concert at Elmswell WI, the Christingle service and the Nine Lessons & Carols service.

3. Plans for 2023

- **May 2023** - The choir, together with friends in our local community, will be staging a concert to celebrate King Charles III's coronation.
- **September 2023** - The choir will again be participating in the Suffolk Historic Churches Ride & Stride event singing in churches visited.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Concert June 2022

