

Haughley Choir Report

For Annual Parish Meeting

May 2024

1. Summary

- We currently have a total of 14 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 our choir leader, Janet Sheldrake, or any of our choir members.
- Also, we are extremely fortunate to have as our accompanist, on piano and organ, the very talented Celia Barrow.

2. Highlights of the past year

- **May 2023** - The choir invited others in the community to join us in a concert to celebrate the coronation of King Charles. The “enlarged” choir comprising over 20 singers made a wonderful sound. A large audience packed into the church and enjoyed an evening of songs from around the British Isles, a sing-along with the Haughley Ukulele Group and a grand finale in “Promenade Concert” style with audience participation and much flag waving.
- **September 2023** - The choir participated in the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Annual Sponsored Ride & Stride singing in churches at Elmswell, Tostock, Thurston and Norton.
- **December 2023** - The choir was busy during December singing at various Christmas events, namely the Haughley “Switch-on”, the Christingle service and the Nine Lessons & Carols service.

3. Plans for 2024

- **May 2024** - The choir will be singing at the memorial service for Fred Rapsey who sadly died in May 2020. Fred had many links with Haughley Church and was instrumental, together with the then incumbent Rev. David Burrell, in setting up the present Haughley church choir.
- **September 2024** - The choir will again be participating in the Suffolk Historic Churches Ride & Stride event singing in churches visited.
- The choir will continue, as in previous years, to sing at regular church services on the first and second Sunday of each month. In addition, some members of the choir have started to attend the Mere View monthly service to join residents in the singing of hymns.



A Packed Church for the Choir's King Charles Coronation Concert