

Holy Trinity St Mary's

Welcome back to the Young Holy Trinity newsletter!



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We will be sending you this newsletter every two weeks. Each week in between there will be a video for Junior Church. Look out for new videos on our website or use the orange button below. I hope you enjoyed Tom's video about the Parable of the Sower. I loved watching it, even though I know the story quite well!

This Sunday, 5th July, worship will take place in our church for the first time since March!

This will be a happy day and if you can't make it to church, you can still join the service via Zoom at 10am.

We can't all meet up for Junior Church and Breakfast Club just yet and I really miss you all! But we will all try and keep in touch with the newsletters, the videos and the Sunday Chatroom.

Martin Holford, our head of music shares names of favourite songs that our boy choristers like to sing and tells the amazing story of how one chorister was so inspired by music that it changed his life!

Our next Young Holy Trinity newsletter will have ideas for some creative projects and we would LOVE to hear any ideas that you have too!

- Pippa xx



Café Club – Thursdays @ 5.00pm

Children's Chatroom – Sundays @ 10.30am

Holy Trinity St Mary's Junior Church videos



Martin Holford
Director of Music

Do you have a favourite song? Does listening to music lift you up and make you feel good inside? The choirs at Holy Trinity aim to inspire people through the music we sing. When we decide what we will sing, we think about the theme or season but we also pick music that we will enjoy singing.

In May, Nick Graham gave the girl choristers a challenge to choose a favourite piece of music, find out about it, and send him a voice note telling him what they learned.

So I asked our boy choristers to name their favourite pieces of music. The top choices were [Will Todd's Mass in Blue](#) and [Haydn's 'Insane et Vanae Curae'](#) (known as 'insane and vain curates' by some...).

Chris, Milo, Gabriel and Henry agree on Will Todd's piece saying, "The rhythm makes me feel positive." "I like that it's jazzy." "It's not too hard but not too easy."

Cayden says, "Haydn's piece is my favourite because the tune makes me feel joyful and happy. I also like how the words feel strong and powerful." Archie agrees, "I like it because it's fast and exciting and makes me feel happy." Henry likes it too, but he and Orlando also choose Lotti's 'Crucifixus' as a favourite.



Martin leads the choirs in a rehearsal at St Mary's

Nicholas, who already shows an inclination for German music says, "My favourite piece is **Johannes Brahms' 'How lovely are Thy dwellings fair...'** (from: Ein deutsches Requiem). *'I like the words because they say how God is the Lord of Hosts and nothing is bigger than God. This makes me feel happy and joyful.'*

Austin picked **Gibbons' 'Come Holy Ghost, our maker come'**. While Suhaan choose **Ned Rorem's motet 'Sing my soul, his wondrous love'** and **Wood's miniature 'Oculi Omnium'**.

Ben went for one of our most colourful anthems - **Patrick Hadley's 'My Beloved Spake and said unto me: Rise up! and come away'**.

James named **Rutter's 'All bells in paradise'**, "Because it is a lovely song to sing and listen to."

The boys were asked in June and many of these pieces are being rehearsed at the moment. I am quite sure if I asked them the same question in December, I would get a completely different set of answers. No matter - I am moved that the boys enjoy so much high-quality music and want to sing it their best for you, for me, for the church and for God.

Life Changing Inspiration

Sometimes there are moments of pure life changing inspiration that take place in a chorister's mind. One former Holy Trinity chorister writes:

"I remember walking into my first rehearsal at Holy Trinity when I was just 8. It was all very exciting, if a little scary, but the older boys looked after me and showed me what to do. I didn't know any of the music yet, but it was amazing hearing the other boys singing so confidently. I particularly remember we finished by rehearsing Parry's 'I was glad'. It was so grand and exciting, I'd never heard anything like it - from that moment I was hooked. I went away humming my own version and have hardly been away since." - Nicholas

What became of this chorister called Nicholas? Well, he took his music seriously, went to Oxford and now conducts Holy Trinity's girls' choir!

I had no idea at the time this music was affecting Nick in this way. It is certainly an example of someone coming the full circle at Holy Trinity.

If you are interested in joining one of our choirs, [let us know](#).

- Martin

A prayer to say thank you to God before going to sleep

Hello God, it's me, just come to pray,
thank you for a fun filled day!
You've been with me, so I know you've seen
all the great exciting things.
But also when I'm sad or cross
I know you love me, no matter what!
So help me rest and go to sleep
And feel the peace of your love for me.
Amen.

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