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ANOTHER CHOIR

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Well yesterday Spring was definitely in the air and as the sun finally started to warm our skin in the daylight hours when the temperature dropped early evening, the music was tantalisingly warming our souls. Last night's rehearsal had an air or both excitement as our new song brought a sense of new beginnings and older songs gave time to reflect. Craig reminisced over Declan crying with laughter during Rocketman and the times we couldn't sing in the same room so had to find the joy online via zoom. Wow, how we so looked forward to our weekly Covers 19 and Quarantunes, which had its own fabulous theme tune. Reflecting on those times made singing Eric Whitacre's song so much more meaningful and powerful.



A hope to capture and create a sound that voices coming together will, in Eric's own words be "Compassionate, Gentle and Kind".

We only scratched the surface last night with the first couple of lines, but my goodness, we could feel the harmonies lift us and when the rhythms and harmonies clicked beautifully into place we were aloft. What a sound, what an utterly beautiful song this is going to be.

Next week we will be working on another bite size section, we have our homework set and it's tricky, but we know the magic happens when we all come together. Eric is good at two things, notes that clash and sit right next to each other and smelling good. We will have to take Craig's word on the latter but trust ourselves, the notes and the clashes.

"Fix You" was an absolute treat to sing, and we soon ironed out the forgotten bits and clarified the "When's" and "cos's... it's When" (just in case like me you missed it the first time.) What a difference the work on clipping the "Ssss" sound of "Face", "bones", "waste". That tiny bit more

focus made a huge impact of the sound, and I think you'll agree, once you heard the difference there's no going back to the sporadic splattering of "ssss's" around the room. All these tweaks and tricky bits that we work together to improve our sound just shows how far we've come.



Another cracking rehearsal. I can't wait for next week now.



Have a wonderful sunny weekend. X

Natalie Deeley

Thank You Natalie!

Wow! Well done everyone on another amazing rehearsal. It's really obvious that so many of you did their 'homework' by the way we were able to quickly refresh 'Fix You' and 'Signed, Sealed, Delivered' with only a few gentle reminders re dynamics etc. We were then able to start learning 'Sing Gently' which I think, once we have cracked it, is going to give 'Total Praise' a run for its money!!



Just briefly on a small matter of choir etiquette, please do not talk to each other when Craig is working with singers from other sections. It can be incredibly off putting for those around who are trying to work out how their particular part fits in with the rest.

There were, once again a few absent from choir last night, so for those of you who were not able to be there, please use our fabulous learning resources to catch up on this week's learning as our next concert is fast approaching. John has put the whole set list on sound cloud for your convenience this will help with your practising. Please remember to contact Julie BS if you're ever going to be away for whatever reason. We do recognise that everyone cannot be at every rehearsal but please try to attend as many as possible especially in the lead up to performances we want to be as good as we can be. We have moved on dramatically from being a good choir to being an absolutely amazing choir, by

everyone putting in the work and commitment to make this a reality and so on behalf of the committee, I would like to thank each and every one of you for being part of this process.

For those of you who were new to the choir in September 2024 and January 2025, there are some songs on the list for our Spring Charity Concert that you will never have sung, so if you would like to sing at the concert please would you take it upon yourselves to work extra hard to get the very best experience from taking part in our amazing concerts. All the sound files are available and most have a recording of us singing the songs at a performance. If you feel you've limited time to learn and just want to focus on one of the sets, that is absolutely fine. We will be delighted if you feel able to join in but, if not, just come and watch us or you could get involved in helping with refreshments raffle etc- we are really quite good! no scratch that, we're amazing (and clearly incredibly modest and humble)

Here is the set list for the Concert, it's at Trinity Church at 3pm on the 16th of March, we've never done an afternoon concert before so I hope this will work well, do start promoting the event to people please, the bigger the crowd the more we make for the charities we're supporting. The Muzudo survey has gone really well with 82 of you having signed up now, it really helps our planning if you respond promptly to the surveys.

Over this week, can you please go over the songs from the setlist below as we haven't sung some of them for quite a while.

SET ONE:

1. Higher Love
2. Signed, Sealed, Delivered
3. Can't Help Falling In Love
4. Sing Gently ** New Song **
5. Hello
6. Fix You
7. Wanna Dance With Somebody
8. Don't Stop Believing

SET TWO:

1. Never Forget
2. Take On Me ** New Song **
3. Proud
4. How Will I Know
5. Deep River
6. Steal Away
7. Something Inside So Strong
8. Lovely Day

As it is an afternoon concert, please wear black trousers or a skirt with a black top and your choir jackets.

Trinity Concert

Lots of help needed for our concert at Trinity on 16th March

We will have a cake stall at the back of the church. We will, as always, need lots of pies/buns/tray bakes/small slices of cake to sell during the interval in the church hall. We will sell teas and coffees with cake for £2.



All the funds raised from our concert will go to support three local charities.

FUNDRAISING

At this concert, we will be holding a raffle and a tombola so we will need good prizes for this please, vouchers etc, bottles of wine or spirits and chocolates are fantastic. If you can help on either of these stalls that afternoon, please see Julie H, Jan or Sheila, who are always at the back of the hall each week doing fundraising.

With that in mind, may I give you a gentle reminder that any monies raised from these games go to the benefit of **EVERY** member of the choir with such things as choir jackets, travelling expenses, workshops and so much more, so it would be great if more of you could join in, come a bit earlier so you've time to have a go- you might even win a prize!!! Whichever game we do each week, it is only £1, so please try to support the choir even more than you already do; for those of you who take part every week or bring prizes, a HUGE thank you to you, it is really appreciated.

Thanks also to those of you who arrive early to choir each week to help put out the chairs. Could I also give a mention for those of you who rarely have a week off well done for your commitment.

Julie H.

Thank you to trustees Julie Horsfield and Natalie Deeley for standing in for Lynne Sharp and myself, in doing the bulletin this week.

As Craig reminded us of the Zoom sessions during lockdown and Covers 19 and in particular his and Dec's version of Rocketman, John has been delving through the archives and found this wonderful bit of video which was from our last ever Zoom session.

Enjoy <https://youtu.be/VFSU5JLTSQM>

Julie BS

LC POP CHOIR: THE ERAS SHOW

Thursday 27/3/25-28/3/25

Starts at 7-30

LC Pop Choir

Join us at Leeds Conservatoire for an unforgettable evening as the LC Pop Choir celebrates its 10th Anniversary with *The Eras Show*, a dazzling concert featuring their most beloved songs from the past decade. Known for their high-energy performances and unique arrangements of gospel, pop, and rock hits by artists such as Adele, Michael Jackson, and Coldplay, this event is a celebration of music, memories, and the incredible journey of the choir. The evening will also feature special guest appearances from alumni and collaborators spanning the choir's history. Don't miss this exciting milestone celebration!

Under the guidance of musical directors Craig Antony Lees and Declan Davies, the LC Pop Choir is becoming a leading force in contemporary choral music in the North of England. Don't miss this exciting milestone celebration!

Performances.

Thursday 27th March 2025-19-30- Book [Here](#).

Friday 28th March 2025- 19-30 – Book [Here](#).

Tickets

£15 full price

£7 concession/student/unwaged.

How to Book.

Please click the above performance link to book tickets online.

Accessibility

Leeds Conservatoire operate a step free site and is flat surfaced throughout all buildings.

Leeds Conservatoire, 3, Quarry Hill, Leeds LS2 7PD.

You can also contact the box office on 0113 222 3434 to book tickets over the phone. Please note the box office opening hours are Monday to Friday 9.00 a.m. to 5-00 p.m.



Dates for your 2025 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ **Sunday 16th March 3pm Spring local Charity Concert at Trinity Church.**
- ❖ **Wednesday 19th March practice**
- ❖ **Thursday 20th March no practice.**
- ❖ **Thursday 27th March no practice.**
- ❖ **10th April Practice.**
- ❖ **17th April no choir practice.**
- ❖ **Saturday 3rd May St Barnabas Church Weeton, tickets sales will be helping to raise funds for The Forget Me Not Hospice for children.**
- ❖ **Sunday 25th May Valley Gardens Harrogate 2pm to 4pm.**

- ❖ **Sunday 15th June we will perform two sets at Newby Hall at 1pm to 1-45 and 2-15pm to 3pm.**
- ❖ **Saturday 28th June 2pm Afternoon concert at URC Knaresborough.**
- ❖ **Saturday 5th July at Roundhay Park Leeds we will be singing at a Sunset Walk in aid of St Gemma's Hospice Leeds, timings to follow.**
- ❖ **Sunday 13th July we will again perform two sets at Newby Hall 1pm to 1-45 and 2-15pm to 3pm.**
- ❖ **Saturday 20th September 2025 anniversary concert when we will perform as the special guests of The Dales Pop Choir at Ripon Cathedral.**
- ❖ **Sunday 12th October 2025 Afternoon concert at Starbeck Methodist Church.**
- ❖ **Saturday 8th November Pre Christmas-Workshop Christ Church Harrogate.**
- ❖ **Saturday 22nd November Christmas Food and Gift Fair Ripon Cathedral.**
- ❖ **Saturday 6th December 2025 Christmas Concert at URC.**
- ❖ **Thursday 18th December 2025 Christmas Concert at Trinity Church.**

And finally.

***Happiness is.....
Singing your way through life.***

**Have a great week and remember, be kind to everyone
but most especially yourself.**

***Kind Regards
Julie Horsfield.
Trustee.***