

KNOT

ANOTHER CHOIR

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What's going on in the world? Christmas has started at Knot Another Choir in October. However, what a treat to revisit and finesse 'Last Christmas' before moving on to 'This Christmas'. I think this one is going to be amazing but I personally found it quite tricky despite the fact that I did my homework – honest I did!

With 85 in attendance this evening it was a really enjoyable rehearsal.

How lovely was it at Starbeck Methodist Church on Sunday? We are always made so very welcome when we sing there. As it was soprano Pam Dawsons Chapel it was really lovely that Craig gave Pam a mention, we sang Hallelujah in her memory.

Friends of mine who came to listen said that they could not believe how much we have improved since they last heard us. Can I ask all of you to check the stage etiquette 'map' on how to access and leave the stage – one row at a time, always leading from the same side. Details are on the website <https://www.knotanotherchoir.co.uk/constitution-and-policies/>

If you have any queries please ask any member of the committee. Thank you.

Please check out the set list below to ensure that you are 'fearless' in your delivery of each and every song for our coming performances. If you are unsure of any of the finer points of the songs, particularly for those of you who have joined us over the past year, check the videos which are put onto the website weekly. It's always good for everyone to look back at the videos to ensure that everything that Craig has taught us in that session

becomes firmly embedded. This also helps to ascertain exactly what Craig wants regarding diction tempo, dynamics etc. It is especially important for those who are not able to attend some weeks.

Even though it is only October, please try to inject a sprinkling of Christmas cheer into the songs.



Thanks to our tech wizards, John and Emma Walsh, for putting together the sound files for the upcoming concerts in November and December.

Set Lists for our Christmas Performances

Ripon Cathedral

Due to an administrative error from the Cathedral, we will sing a bit later in the day this year, our first set will be between 1-50 to 2-15, Set two will be between 2-35 and 3-10.

SET ONE

1. Last Christmas
2. Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
3. Winter Wonderland
4. Hark The Herald Angels Sing
5. Run
6. Silent Night
7. Deep River
8. Steal Away

SET TWO

1. This Christmas
2. Carol of the Bells
3. Hallelujah
4. Let It Snow
5. Santa Tell Me
6. One More Sleep
7. Merry Christmas Everyone
8. Total Praise

URC & Trinity

SET ONE (45mins)

1. Last Christmas
2. Happy Together
3. Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
4. Winter Wonderland
5. Hark The Herald Angels Sing
6. Run
7. Silent Night
8. Deep River
9. Steal Away
10. Sweet Child of Mine ***

SET TWO (45mins)

1. This Christmas
2. Signed, Sealed, Delivered
3. Carol of the Bells
4. Hallelujah
5. I Wanna Dance
6. Let It Snow
7. Santa Tell Me
8. One More Sleep
9. Merry Christmas Everyone
10. Total Praise

Note: *** Depending on how the recap of our Christmas songs goes we MAY add "Sweet Child of Mine" to our repertoire

At all of the above venues, please wear formal black with a little bling.

This week's 'Craigism



All altos, tenors and basses were finessing their singing of 'Last Christmas' when Craig wanted more oomph by using jazz hands in the shu-du wah – some very interesting representations going on there!

Then came the icing on the cake for the lower voices when they were asked to release their inner Motown artist and pretend to be a member of The Four Tops. I think it's fair to say that you had to be there to understand that one! Never been so glad to be a top sop!



Fundraising

Thank you to those of you who took part in the fundraiser this evening. We will be doing more raffles and tombola's at venues before the end of the year and we need lots of prizes, both large and small, to ensure that we can make a big success of them. Thanking you in advance.

Next week's fundraiser will be 'SURPRISE'. Please bring your pounds coins so that we can raise as much as possible for 'The Manchester Fund', which will help with the cost of paying for two coaches for the return trip to the Royal Northern College of Music, our entry fees, and professional fees to enter the Manchester Annual Choral Competition on the 1st February.

Be kind to yourselves and each other.

Julie H

Next Week

Choir next week will be on WEDNESDAY 22nd October instead of THURSDAY 23rd October

We will be doing more work on 'This Christmas' and then recapping 'Last Christmas' and 'Winter Wonderland'. So, over the next few days, please listen to the sound files for the older songs and take a look at your part in 'This Christmas' particularly in securing the sections which we covered this evening.

Songs For Christmas

On Thursday 18th of December, we have decided that our final concert of the year should be free to both your family and friends, and the public. This is to say thanks to everybody for their ongoing support for KnAC throughout the year. So please invite your friends and families, in fact tell everyone. We want to fill the church with Christmas joy to end the year. We'll serve tea, coffee, mulled wine, Christmassy snacks and minced pies. We'll have a raffle and tombola.



Choir Diary

Please would you always look for what's on the Choir Diary. I am always arranging new and exciting events, this now includes:

Mrs Sunderland Festival

The Mrs Sunderland Festival is held in Huddersfield on the 21st of February and is one of the largest competitive festivals in the country, attracting well over 5000 performers over its twelve day event period in Huddersfield Town Hall. Instrumental, vocal, choirs, musical theatre, spoken word classes for all ages and abilities. There are many trophies and cash prizes to be won.



On the last evening when we are there, there is a showcase concert to enjoy, this showcases some of the best performances of the festival along with the adult choir final class. We will stay to see this and hopefully fingers crossed, we might even get to take part.

Eskdale Festival

The Eskdale Festival is held at the magnificent Whitby Spa and is on the Sunday 18th April 2026.

All of these competitions will be very exciting in different ways, and we will have the opportunity to enter different categories, each of which have different entrance criteria and timing expectations. We are a lovely choir and these festivals give us the opportunity to showcase our work.

We will be providing coaches for each of these festivals, or you can take your own cars. All will be long days but as well as our own performances there will be lots of great choirs to listen to, and the chance to network with people from other choirs.

Newby Hall

I received a very complimentary email about our singing from Sarah Barlow at Newby Hall last week, asking if we would be prepared to do two performances again at the Hall in the summer. I have put the dates, which are for June and July, on the events calendar.

Muzudo

We have been using Muzudo for some time now. Muzudo gives us the chance to survey the choir and find out how many of you will be attending the different performances and events. You all seem to like it and you use it well, the majority of you respond quickly when a survey goes out, from our point of view we enjoy seeing how quickly you respond. From our point of view it's good to have accurate numbers for doing stage plans and ordering food etc especially with over 100 in the choir. If you haven't yet filled in Muzudo for the Christmas events please would you do so ASAP as we need to give numbers to order the buffet for the workshop which is only a couple of weeks away.

Sop and Alto Singing Parts

Sops	
Name	Part
Alex Douglas	1st
Barbara Jackson	1st
Catherine Scruton	1st
Elaine McAleese	1st
Hilary Sawyer	1st
Jan Bowman	1st
Janet Hill	1st
Janette Stephenson	1st
Julie Dodson	1st
Julie Horsfield	1st
Lesley Worrall	1st
Linda Colman	1st
Linda Meikle	1st
Lorna Warburton	1st
Margaret Rigby	1st
Michelle Dawson	1st
Milena Vjestica	1st
Natalie Farrell	1st
Natasha Broad	1st
Olwyn Nelson	1st
Ruth Moore	1st
Sammy Stoney	1st

Name	Part
Amanda McNicholas	2nd
Annie Riggs	2nd
Cheryl Clarkson	2nd
Chris Nixon	2nd
Dawn Kilvington	2nd
Gemma Cook	2nd
Heather Partridge	2nd
Helen Newman	2nd
Jan Gibbs	2nd
Jane Rutledge	2nd
Janet List	2nd
Janice Gowing	2nd
Jenny Catton	2nd
Julie Dodsworth	2nd
Lisa Carr	2nd
Maggie Jackson	2nd
Maria Cameron	2nd

Sarah Reilly	1st
Sheila Hancox	1st
Sue Soroczan	1st
Susan Rathmell	1st

Altos	
Name	Part
Beatrice Hann	1st
Carol Skinner	1st
Emma Higgins	1st
Emma James	1st
Emma Walsh	1st
Esmee Deeley	1st
Jo Cope	1st
Judith Smith	1st
Karen Briggs	1st
Kimberley Lawton	1st
Linda Hardy	1st
Lynne Sharp	1st
Maria Broadhurst	1st
Mary Clewes	1st
Natalie Deeley	1st
Nicki Addison	1st
Pam Tindall	1st
Pauline Dawson	1st
Penny Dutton	1st
Rosemary Procter	1st
Sara Morrow	1st
Sarah Carrigan	1st
Shelley Moore	1st

Name	Part
Barbara Card	2nd
Brigitte Wilkins	2nd
Chris Pyle	2nd
Claire Clarke	2nd
Denise Carter	2nd
Elisha Rushton	2nd
Jan Parker	2nd
Jenny Thomson	2nd
Liz Connall	2nd
Lynn Welsh	2nd
Melanie Moore	2nd
Michelle Bray	2nd
Mo Mather	2nd
Moira Plummer	2nd
Morag Caunt	2nd
Sue Smith	2nd
Sue Streatfield	2nd
Tracy Ariss	2nd

Absence

Please would you let us know if you are ill or away for any length of time, as we are always happy to give you a break from your GoCardless payments in these circumstances. It's also always helpful if you let us know if you won't be attending choir on a weekly basis.

Other Events you may be Interested in

LC Pop Choir On the 29th November for one night only Craig will lead the powerhouse voices of his wonderful LC Pop Choir with The London International Gospel Choir joining forces on stage for an unforgettable evening of energy, harmony, and soul. If you have never experienced an evening at the conservatoire don't miss this wonderful opportunity. Expect chart-topping pop, uplifting gospel and spine-tingling collaborations you won't want to miss! The London International Gospel Choir (LIGC) is one of the largest and most dedicated community-based choirs in the capital.

Reflecting the vibrant and diverse spirit of London, the choir embraces this diversity in a warm and welcoming environment. With members from all backgrounds, ranging from beginners to professionals, LIGC performs an eclectic mix of gospel, funk, soul, jazz, and pop across the UK and Europe. The choir is non auditioned and offers members continuous opportunities to refine their vocal, theoretical, and performance skills, ensuring powerful performances every time, with soaring solos, harmonious blends, and captivating soundscapes. LIGC's performances include energetic flash mobs, charity fundraisers, and theatre appearances, including their recent debut at the Royal Albert Hall in October 2024 for the How Sweet the Sound choir competition. When not on the big stage, they can be found performing at community events across London, as well as hosting their own vibrant concert series at their home church in Notting Hill. Tickets available from <https://www.leedsconservatoire.ac.uk/visitus/whats-on/popchoir291125>

Everybody's Talking About Jamie

Kimberley (Alto) will be taking part in this next week.

Everybody's Talking About Jamie a fantastic joyous musical at the Harrogate Theatre next Wednesday 22nd October to Saturday 25th. There are two codes for discount **JAMIEOFF** for £5 off tickets on Wednesday and Thursday or **PROUD** for 10% off any night of the week! It would be lovely to see friendly faces in the audience and it's going to be a brilliant show!

Praise

An uplifting afternoon of sacred music and favourite hymns in aid of Holy Trinity Church as it needs a lot of renovating. The afternoon will feature Knaresborough Silver Band and St Mary's Singers on Saturday 25th of October 2:30 at Holy Trinity Church.

Pay on the door - £10 / under 18's free

Refreshments Included.

I'm really looking forward to our exciting upcoming events as I'm sure you all are. Until then, on behalf of the committee and trustees, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your ongoing support of our amazing choir.

Julie B-S



Dates for your 2025/2026 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ **Wednesday 22nd October – Practice moved from the 23rd**
- ❖ **Thursday 23rd October – NO Practice**
- ❖ **Saturday 8th November Our annual Pre Christmas-Workshop with lunch provided by Indulge at Christ Church Hall Harrogate.**
- ❖ **Wednesday 12nd November – Practice moved from 13rd**
- ❖ **Thursday 13rd November – NO Practice**
- ❖ **Saturday 22nd November Christmas Food and Gift Fair Ripon Cathedral. Two sets 1-50 to 2-15 and 2-35 to 3-10.**
- ❖ **Saturday 6th December 2025 @ 7pm Christmas Concert at Knaresborough United Reformed Church.**
- ❖ **Thursday 18th December 2025 @ 7pm Christmas Concert at Trinity Church.**
- ❖ **Saturday 24th of January Workshop with lunch to prepare for The Manchester Annual Choral Competition the following week.**
- ❖ **1st February 2026 we will once again take part in the Manchester Annual Choral Competition or MACC where we were delighted to be runners up in 2024. Make sure you save the date.**
- ❖ **21st February 2026 the Mrs Sunderland Festival at Huddersfield Town Hall this is another large festival with lots of choral classes.**
- ❖ **18th April 2026 we'll head off to Whitby Spa to enter the Eskdale Festival for the first time. Save the date please, maybe you could make a weekend of it.**
- ❖ **14th June Newby ,**
- ❖ **12th July Newby Hall.**