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## ANOTHER CHOIR

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### Last Nights Practice

A well-attended practice last night with 89 of us there, that's good, but with 115 in the choir that is 26 of you absent! Please can we start to improve a little on attendance, especially in the New Year when we'll be working hard towards taking part in the three competitions we'll be entering. If you've got to miss a practice, please remember to send me an email.



We worked on “Last Christmas”, “Hallelujah” and “This Christmas”. Well done everybody, it was a very enjoyable, hardworking practice, thanks! Craig worked us particularly hard on “Hallelujah”, it's starting to sound very beautiful and moving after some fine tuning on the dynamics and expression. If you weren't there last night, please listen to the full recording.

At Saturdays Workshop we'll be working on;

- Santa Tell Me
- One More Sleep
- Silent Night
- Hark The Herald
- This Christmas

If we work hard and come well prepared, we'll start something new.

## **Saturdays Preparation For Christmas Workshop**

If you are on the committee or just able to be a willing helper putting out the chairs and tables etc, please arrive at Christ Church Hall, Harrogate HG1 4SW no later than 10:15a.m. Could everybody else be there for 10-45 ready to start at 11-00. Don't forget your water bottle.

The make-up of the day will be :-

11:00 – 13:00 Morning session

13:00 – 14:00 Buffet Lunch from Indulge.

14:00 – 16:00 Afternoon session

As it's our responsibility to tidy up after ourselves, if you have time to stay to help at the end of the day, that would be much appreciated. Putting on workshops and events is hard work so please give a little help where you can.

## **Performances**

**Ripon Cathedral Saturday 22 Nov. Tickets can be purchased on the door on the day.**

**Christmas Concert Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm at Knaresborough United Reformed Church. Funds raised will be going toward Yorkshire Cancer Research. You can get your tickets [HERE](#) or on the door**

**Songs for Christmas 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm at Holy Trinity Church there will be no charge to attend this concert. This is so that we can say thanks to families', friends and members of the local community. Helen Westmancoat, our Mayor, and John, her husband and Consort, will come along too. Do make the most of this free concert and invite everybody along.**

We hope some of our newer members will feel ready to perform, however if you don't feel ready that's OK. Perhaps you could just focus on one of the sets if that would feel easier for you this time. Please come along though, even if you are not singing, it'd be great if you could help with things.

We'll be serving Christmassy treats, so if you'd be prepared to make something or help with serving, please speak to Julie Dodson on practice nights. We are also looking for good quality prizes for a raffle e.g. wine, chocolates, toiletries, and small gifts for the tombola. Julie Horsfield is the person to speak to about this or in her absence please speak to Jan Bowman or Sheila Hancox.



## Christmas Social 12<sup>th</sup> December

There'll be a quiz, bingo and disco, a tombola and a raffle; We'll serve pizzas on the night as they were very popular last time. Members, friends and families are all welcome too, for non-choir members tickets will be just £5, they are available from [HERE](#), we'll be shortly sending out a Muzodo survey to see how many choir members would like to come to the social, please can you all respond to this quickly so we know how many pizza's to order



## Ripon Cathedral Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November



One of the year's highlights is at Ripon Cathedral in November each year. We will perform two sets, we'll get the chance to have a really good look round, the stalls are beautiful.



We'll sing two full sets; it'll be such fun to sing the new Christmas songs that we've been learning this term. **Please would you all wear black with your black choir jackets for the event.**

These are the songs we'll be singing:

### SET ONE - 13-50 until 14-15

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 - 14-35 until 15-10**

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

### **Get Your Tickets**

**LC Pop Choir** - for one night only, on the 29<sup>th</sup> November, Craig will lead the powerhouse voices of his wonderful LC Pop Choir along with The London International Gospel Choir for an unforgettable evening of energy, harmony, and soul. This is an event not to be missed and if you haven't been to one of the LC pop choir concerts then I'm sure you will enjoy this. Expect chart-topping pop, uplifting gospel and a spine-tingling collaboration.

Tickets are going fast and are available from

<https://www.leedsconservatoire.ac.uk/visit-us/whats-on/popchoir291125/>

There is also a discount code available for full priced tickets, this is:  
**CHOIR15**

### **Save the Date for Feel The Sound**

This will take place on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 at Harrogate High School, once again we'll provide lunch from Indulge of Harrogate, the parking at the weekend is excellent on site and the facilities are .

This time Craig will work alongside the amazing Greg Link, who is a London-based bass-baritone, actor-musician and choral leader. He works in a range of fields across theatre, a cappella groups and choirs as a performer, musical director and composer in productions, projects and tours around the UK, internationally, and in the West End.

Greg has collaborated with various organisations as a performer, educator and conductor, including Disney Theatrical Group, London Symphony Orchestra, The Old Vic, National Youth Choir, VOCES8 Foundation, London Chamber Orchestra, British Film Institute, World Choir, BBC & BBC Proms,

London Contemporary Orchestra, National Schools Singing Programme, and Southwark Playhouse where he composed and performed in the new musical Shelter.

He has sung with numerous vocal ensembles around the country including London Choral Sinfonia, Platinum Consort, Shards, Corvus Consort, Echo, Enchord, Chamber Choir of London (West End - The Seeker, Theatre Royal Drury Lane) and London Voices (West End -The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Prince Edward Theatre). Greg is also co-director, performer and composer of Merryweather Theatre, a London-based arts collective with which he writes, develops and performs folk musicals for children at schools, theatres and arts festivals around the UK.



Craig Lees and Greg Link Present  
**FEEL THE SOUND**  
A MUSICAL THEATRE-POP CHOIR EXPERIENCE

Join us for an unforgettable day of inspiring music, vocal energy, and warm community spirit at our All-Day Choir Workshop, held in the picturesque North Yorkshire town of Harrogate.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026  
10:00 - 16:00  
BUFFET LUNCH & TEA AND COFFEE

Harrogate High School, Ainsty Rd, Harrogate HG1 4AP

£30\* /Person  
EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY, THEN £40

Tickets available at: [www.fenta.com/feel-the-sound](http://www.fenta.com/feel-the-sound)

I know many of you in the choir enjoy watching shows and singing musical theatre, so this will be a day not to miss for you. If you have friends in other choirs, or family members who can't do the commitment of choir on weeknights, please do invite them. Tickets will be available shortly.



## Dates for your 2025/2026 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

*New events and changes are in red.*

- ❖ **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025**–Preparation for Christmas all day Workshop @ Christ Church Harrogate with lunch. We'll sing from 11.00 am. until 1 pm and then 2.00pm until 4pm.
- ❖ **Wednesday 12<sup>nd</sup> November** – Practice moved from 13<sup>rd</sup>
- ❖ **Thursday 13<sup>rd</sup> November** – NO Practice
- ❖ **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024** – Ripon Cathedral Christmas Fare – one of our choirs' favourites of the year, it's a great sing and a brilliant opportunity to get your quality Christmas Gifts too. We'll sing from 1-50 to 2-15 then 2-35 until 3-10.
- ❖ **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025 @ 7pm** Christmas Concert at Knaresborough United Reformed Church where we are always met with such warmth. This concert is to raise funds for Yorkshire Cancer Research a very worthy cause, I'm sure you will agree.

- ❖ **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Social at Knaresborough Cricket Club. More information to follow.**
- ❖ **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 @ 7pm Free Songs for Christmas at Trinity Church with Christmassy snacks, mulled wine, tea and coffee.**
- ❖ **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of January return to choir.**
- ❖ **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of January Workshop; We will spend the day to preparing for The Manchester Annual Choral Competition the following week. If you are taking part in the competition on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February then it is essential you take part in the workshop and all the practices in January, they are on the 8<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of January. We'd appreciate your cooperation with this.**
- ❖ **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 The big day!! we will once again be taking part in the Manchester Annual Choral Competition or MACC where we were runners up in 2024. The coaches will leave from York Place Car Park we haven't been given our performance slot yet as soon as I have that, you will all get a departure time. Please wear all black with your choir jackets.**
- ❖ **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026 Our first time entering the Mrs. Sunderland Festival at Huddersfield Town Hall, this is another large festival with lots of choral classes, we'll be entering two classes.**
- ❖ **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026 we'll head off to Whitby Spa to enter the Eskdale Festival for the first time. Maybe you could make a weekend of it there are plenty of hotels and B and B's just across the road from the Spa .**
- ❖ **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 Feel the Sound 2 workshop with Craig and Greg Link.**
- ❖ **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026 Newby Hall \*\* Note change of date**
- ❖ **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026 Newby Hall.**

Looking forward to seeing you all for a joyous day of singing tomorrow.  
Julie Bradbury-Sharp.

