

KNOT

ANOTHER CHOIR

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Last Nights Practice

A well-attended focused practice last night with 83 of us there, that's a really good number especially as we'd made a change to a Wednesday night due to Craigs busy work and travel schedule. I do appreciate that some of you have alternative arrangements on Wednesdays when we have to change a choir night so thanks for being there, it was a really mucky night too.



We worked on "Merry Christmas Everyone", "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and "Carol of The Bells". Have a look at the recording please if you weren't able to be there.

Review of our Preparation For Christmas Workshop.

We had a fabulous day and Craig got through lots of material with us well done Craig and Stefan. We even started a new song "Sweet Child Of Mine", which we'll do more work on it in the New Year. We did a recording of the day if you'd like to go over it.

Thanks to everybody who helped with catering and putting out the staging, chairs etc., everybody's help is very much appreciated.

Classic FM competition

A chance to win £1,000 for Knot Another Choir and a cinema voucher to see "The Choral". Classic FM's doing this great

competition at the moment, but the closing date is Sunday 16th November, so you've only got a few days to enter!

The more individual entries for Knot Another Choir, the more likely we are to win!

It's very simple:

1. Go to the website <https://campaign.classicfm.com/thechoral>
2. At the bottom of the webpage, write 500 characters max (approximately 80 words) on the story of the choir, how the choir makes a positive impact in the community and why it deserves to win.
3. Once you've entered your words, a box appears that you can click to complete your contact details.
4. The more of us that have a go the better.
5. Good Luck and thank you.

Performances

Ripon Cathedral Saturday 22nd Nov. For anybody coming to see our performance, tickets can be purchased on the door on the day. Members should please be in the Church Hall to warm up for 1-15 pm, please be punctual and leave yourself plenty of time to park.

Christmas Concert Saturday 6th 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. The church and the back room including the toilets etc. have all been beautifully decorated and recarpeted we went to see it yesterday everything looks lovely.

Songs for Christmas 18th Dec. 7pm at Holy Trinity Church there will be no charge to attend this concert. This is so that we can say thanks to our 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, lets fill the church.

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 tasty or help with serving, please speak to Julie Dodson on practice nights. Julie Horsfield is always looking for good quality prizes for the raffle e.g. wine, chocolates, toiletries, and smaller gifts for the tombola.



Christmas Social 12th December

We'll have a quiz set by Colin Hadley, bingo and disco, a tombola and a raffle; We'll serve pizzas, as they are very popular and tasty. Members, friends and families are all welcome to come along, for non-choir members tickets will be just £5. They can be purchased from [HERE](#).



We have now sent out a Muzodo survey to see just how many choir members will be coming to the social, please can you all respond to this quickly, so we know how many pizzas to order.

Ripon Cathedral Saturday 22nd November



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



I won't be doing a standing plan but please try and be with those who sing the same part as you.

Please would you wear all black with your choir jackets and lanyards for the event, this is so that the staff on the door can recognise who we are as we enter the cathedral.



These are the songs we'll be singing, please go through all the songs before the 22nd:

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 29th 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 they are available from [HERE](#)

There is a discount code available to reduce the full priced tickets to £15, this is: **CHOIR15**

Save the Date for Feel The Sound

This will take place on Saturday the 2nd May 2026 at Harrogate High School, once again we'll provide lunch from Indulge of Harrogate.

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 such as the London Symphony Orchestra, The Old Vic, and the National Youth Choir. He has sung with numerous vocal ensembles around the country including London Choral Sinfonia and Platinum Consort. Greg is also co-director, performer and composer of Merryweather Theatre, a London-based arts collective.

I know many of you in the choir musical theatre, so this will be a day not to be missed 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.



Latest Muzudo Responses

Our latest numbers for upcoming events are as follows. We appreciate your promptness in replying especially when we have food to order and coaches to book.

Event	Yes	No	Maybe	No Reply
Ripon 22/11	90	18	1	3
URC 06/12	83	18	8	3
Social 12/12	38	46	5	23
Trinity 18/12	102	7	1	2
Workshop 24/01	80	8	4	20
MACC 01/02	77	10	4	21

Christmas Collection

Next week we'll start our Christmas collection for Craig and Stefan, should you wish to give a little something. As usual we'll collect in the kitchen. There will be a couple of Christmas cards where you can sign your name and write a message.

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Dates for your 2025/2026 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ **Thursday 13rd November – NO Practice**
- ❖ **Thursday 20th of November Our final practice before Ripon Cathedral, if you are singing on Saturday, it's important you're at the practice.**
- ❖ **Saturday 22nd 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. As per previous years please meet in the Cathedral Hall at 1:15 for a warm-up.**
- ❖ **Saturday 6th 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 12th December Christmas Social at Knaresborough Cricket Club. A quiz, bingo, music, raffle, tombola, and pizza. Free to members, £5 for your friends and families.**
- ❖ **Thursday 18th December 2025 @ 7pm Free Songs for Christmas at Trinity Church with Christmassy snacks, mulled wine, tea and coffee.**
- ❖ **Thursday 8th of January return to choir.**
- ❖ **Saturday 24th of January Workshop; We will spend the day at Christ Church preparing for The Manchester Annual Choral Competition the following week. If you are taking part in the competition on the 1st of February then it is essential you take part in the workshop and all the practices in January, they are on the 8th 15th 22nd and 29th of January. Craig would appreciate your cooperation with this.**

- ❖ **Sunday 1st 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 give you an accurate departure time. Please wear all black with your choir jackets.
- ❖ **Saturday 21st 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 on this occasion.
- ❖ **Saturday 18th 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 sea view hotels and B and B's just across the road from the Spa .
- ❖ **Saturday 2nd May 2026** Feel the Sound workshop with Craig and Greg Link.
- ❖ **Saturday 9th May 2026 at 7pm The Harrogate Community Choir Festival at The Royal Hall Harrogate.**
- ❖ **Sunday 21st June 2026** Newby Hall
- ❖ **Sunday 12th July 2026** Newby Hall.

Thanks for your conscientiousness and all the hard work you put in at this time of year, it's so much appreciated.

Kind Regards.

Julie Bradbury-Sharp.