

# KNOT

## ANOTHER CHOIR

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It's certainly good to be back at choir after two weeks away but it is rather chilly.



It was a very unusual start to our rehearsal tonight as Craig and Stefan were having an horrendous journey back from Liverpool, where the LC Pop Choir had been taking part in a charity event. Fortunately, we had the wonderful Emma Higgins at the ready and able to step into the breach, supported by Colin Hadley to lead all 85 of us in Po Di as our warmup, followed by 'Hello', thanks to you both and well done.



When the very smart but tired dynamic duo arrived, we were straight into running through the set list for our concert at Ripon Cathedral this Saturday. I think we sound pretty amazing. The harmonies in the songs are fabulous. Even 'Carol of the Bells' sounded good, which is something I would never have thought that I would be saying. As our confidence grows, the better we become. Stefan's fantastic keyboard skills seem to have inspired all of us to raise our game.



To be the very best that we can be, please listen to the sound files for this set list, particularly if you were unable to attend this evening. A special mention must go to Sarah Reilly, who was 'volunteered' by Julie BS to do a solo in one of our songs. All I have to say is quite simply 'WOW!! Another mention should go to all of you who started in September, you have really put a lot of effort into learning the songs, I hope you all enjoy the performances

you're taking part in in the coming month. Thanks for deciding to join Knot Another Choir.

### **This week's 'Craigisms'**

Craig will support the different sections with his 'significant stares' and we must watch him carefully for the word endings so that we do not sound like a pit of snakes. (I googled to see what the collective noun actually is.) In addition, we must remember our 'jaunty clicks'!

### **Fundraising**

Thank you to those of you who took part in the fundraiser this evening. Unfortunately this evening there was a lot going on. ***Please support us in our fundraising endeavours especially if you'll benefit from attending The Manchester Annual Choral Competition.***

Next week's fundraiser will be 'How Many?' Please bring your money or your debit card so that we can raise as much as possible.

We will be doing more raffles and tombolas at our concerts and the social before the end of the year and we'll need lots of prizes, both large and small, to ensure that we can make a big success of them. Huge thanks to those of you who have already given so generously.

### **Christmas Collection**

**We started our annual Christmas collection for Craig and Stefan last night. Should you wish to give a little donation in the next few weeks the collection buckets will be in the kitchen. There will also be a couple of Christmas cards to sign.**

### **Kind Invitation - Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Holy Trinity**

A request from Denise Cullingworth - Church Warden at Trinity.

*We will be having a beautiful service of nine lesson and carols at Holy Trinity on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of December at 4pm. We would like to invite and involve members of our wider church community including Knot Another Choir.*

*I was also wondering whether one of your choir members would kindly agree to do one of the readings for us, and also as many volunteers as possible would enjoy coming along to swell the singing of traditional carols. If you can get back to me through Julie Bradbury-Sharp I will sort out the reading and let you have it to practice.*

## Performances

**Ripon Cathedral Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 for parking.

**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. The church and the back room including the toilets etc. have all been beautifully decorated and recarpeted, everything looks lovely.

### **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 a big thank you 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 and raise the rafters.

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, the raffle, food stall etc.

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. 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 we'll need to order.

## **Ripon Cathedral tomorrows performance Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

One of the highlights of the choir year. We will perform two full sets, after we've sung you'll get the chance to have a really good look around the fare, the stalls are beautiful. Don't forget to invite your friends and family, it's a lovely event.



I'm not doing a standing plan, but please stand with those you normally sing with on practice nights; alto 1's and 2's separated and the same with the sops. Basses as usual stand behind the tenors. Enjoy yourselves and don't forget to watch Craig. Don't forget to put that sprinkling of Christmas cheer into our Christmas songs and get your best smiles out.

**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.**



**At 1.15 we will meet in the Cathedral Hall on High St. Agnesgate, HG4 1QR.** To get there on foot you will need to bear right at the front of the Cathedral, where the noticeboard is, head around the back, down the small slope/flight of stairs and through the little arch and down Minster Close, the Hall is at the end on your left. Unfortunately, there is no parking for the public there, it is reserved for the staff at the Cathedral, so please park at the back of Sainsburys in town. Please be there promptly for 1-15 to give yourselves plenty of time.

This is our song list, please go over last night's recording and practice as much as you can before Saturday. There were quite a number of you who are down to come on Saturday who didn't come to practice last night. Please make a habit of always attending the practice before a performance.

### **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 29<sup>th</sup> November**

**LC Pop Choir – there’s still time to get your tickets** for one night only, 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 yet, then I’m sure you will thoroughly enjoy this. Expect chart-topping pop, uplifting gospel and a spine-tingling collaboration.

Tickets are going so fast but are still available this link [HERE](#)

There is also 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Do tell your friends about the event as it will be public.

Tickets will be available shortly.



## Absence

Please would you let us know if you are going to be off practice.

If you have to miss a choir practice please email Julie BS at [admin@knotanotherchoir.co.uk](mailto:admin@knotanotherchoir.co.uk)



## Dates for your 2025/2026 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

*New events and changes are in red.*

- ❖ **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. As per previous years please meet in the Cathedral Hall at 1:15 for a warm-up.**
- ❖ **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. A quiz, bingo, music, raffle, tombola, and pizza. Free to members, £5 for your friends and families.**
- ❖ **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 at Christ Church 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. Craig would 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 give you an accurate 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 on this occasion.
- ❖ **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 sea view hotels and B and B's just across the road from the Spa .
- ❖ **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026** Feel the Sound workshop with Craig and Greg Link.
- ❖ **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7pm** The Harrogate Community Choir Festival at The Royal Hall Harrogate.
- ❖ **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026** Newby Hall
- ❖ **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026** Newby Hall.

And Finally:

We ventured out on a chilly night,  
When we really wanted to stay in.  
But we put our hats and coats on  
In order to have a really good sing.

We're so lucky to have each other,  
Of this choir to be a part,  
'Cos once we sing together,  
It warms the cockles of our hearts.

(I never quite understood what that actually means, but heigh ho, it rhymes so I wacked it in there!)

I'll see some of you on Saturday, but if you're not going to be there have a great week. 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. Be kind to yourself and each other.

Julie H

