

Holy Trinity Church Choir and Musical Activities

Report April 2019 – March 2020

This is a report on the musical activities at Holy Trinity Church, Southchurch. As always, the choir has continued to play an important role in the life of music at the church and has participated in the worship and liturgy to the highest musical standard.

In April the Church Choir sang the services for a weekend in Norwich Cathedral, which was greatly enjoyed by all who took part, and their music contribution was warmly appreciated by the clergy at the Cathedral. In May the choir visited St Andrew's Church, Sandon, for a joint choral evensong.

Trinity Consort was also active in the church, performing a successful performance of Handel's Messiah on Easter Saturday to a full and appreciative audience.

At Christmas the church choir performed the annual service of Nine Lessons and Carols, which was reasonably well attended by the congregation and visitors to the church. Many members of the congregation complimented the choir on this service. Other musical activities at this time included a carol service by the cubs, and a service by the Southend Boys' and Girls' Choirs. As I have mentioned in previous reports, the church has one of the finest acoustics in the area, and it would be good to see more musical groups use the church.

I am still hoping, as in my last 2 annual reports, for the speakers of the electronic organ to be located above the existing tracker organ, which will enhance the sound and provide more space in the chancel.

Sadly, several planned musical events at the church from March 2020 onwards have had to be cancelled, due to Covid-19. The Church Choir's visit to Winchester Cathedral due to have taken place in April 2020 was also cancelled.

I am grateful to the members of the church choir for their continuing commitment and support towards the music at the church, and my particular thanks go to Paul Schurer for his work as librarian.

Roger Humphrey – Musical Director