

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you to those who brought their children to sing this morning - they sang brilliantly and there were some lovely comments from adult choir members and congregation who said it all sounded so beautiful - and I agree!

Some things to take note of in the coming month or so!

This Wednesday - 23rd November

The rehearsal will take place at **Fearon Hall**, the building next door to the church (there is a concert on in the church). Please escort your own children to Fearon Hall. There will be helpers to show you where to go, so if you're not sure, turn up at the door to the church and Chris Knight and others will be on hand to show you where to go. Please come and collect them from inside Fearon Hall at the end of the practice.

Christmas Tree Festival closing ceremony - Sunday 27th Nov 2.30-4.30

This will be a fun singalong for all the family - very much suitable for young children, so a really good opportunity to bring along little brothers and sisters!

Rainbows Carol Concert - Wed 7th Nov 6.00-9.30pm

I will bring permission slips for this and other events which are not held in All Saints Church. I will also be selling tickets for Rainbows concert which are £5 and the proceeds go to Rainbows children's hospice which I'm sure you'll agree is a wonderful cause for us to support. Please bring cash with you on Wednesday if poss! Do note that this will be at Emmanuel Church on Forest Road, Loughborough and I'd like to be ready to start the rehearsal at 6.00pm precisely.

BBC Radio Leicester Carol Service Sun 11th Dec 2.00-5.00pm

If you would like (free but limited) tickets for this event, please put in a request on the permission slip and I will see what I can do. I think I may be able to guarantee at least one per child and if there are spare in our allocation this can be extended. Let me know how many you'd like ideally asap and I'll see what I can do. This will be broadcast on BBC Radio Leicester on Christmas Eve 5.30pm and again on Christmas Day at 1.00pm. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00crm13/broadcasts/2015/12>

Sing Christmas at St Martin's House, Leicester - Mon 19th Dec - 4.45-8.10pm

This will also be included on the permission slip. There is no guarantee we can accommodate parents to sit in on this, but some years we have been able to have a few parents and siblings (not too young though as it is a live broadcast!) sitting in. I can't promise anything, but again this will be free if there is space! You can sing as

well if you like!!! This will be conducted by Chris Ouvry-Johns and we will be singing alongside the choristers of Leicester Cathedral and some members of Charnwood College Choir. You can listen live on BBC Radio Leics from 7-8pm on the night!

***DioSing!* Musical Advent Calendar**

The choir recorded 2 songs which will be included in the *DioSing!* / BBC Leicester Musical Advent Calendar this year. They will be broadcast on BBC Radio Leicester's breakfast show at **7.45am** on **Thursday 1st December** (tune in a little earlier to hear me launch the project and promote the choir!) and **Tuesday 20th December**. I will send you information soon telling you how you can download these tracks and any others that take your fancy (to keep) from itunes type source for a small cost - proceeds go to the work of *DioSing!* (part of that work of course is Loughborough Children's Choir!).

Help!

If you're available to be a choir chaperone at any of the events, please contact me asap. Its always good to have extra eyes on the children to ensure we keep them safe! I will let you know if and when you are needed asap! Thanks in advance!

Lifts to the events

I have had at least one request for a lift so a child can attend events outside of All Saints (Rainbows, BBC Radio Leics carol service, Sing Christmas) there and back from Loughborough (I presume). I can't directly organise lifts for people, but if there is anyone who thinks they might be able to help, I can put you in touch with the relevant parent to get in touch. I'm sure this would be greatly appreciated.

A shameless plug!

I am the soloist and presenter for the 'KoolGigs' Christmas concert - 'KoolGigs' is a series for children (primary age and younger) to enjoy classical music / jazz etc in a relaxed and informal setting. I will be telling a story about a polar bear, dressed as a polar and singing Christmas songs, there'll also be an opportunity to join in with the singing. This is at St James the Greater Church, London Road, Leicester on Sunday 4th December - 3pm-4pm. For tickets: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/babygigs>

Sorry for the long email, but at least most of the information you need for the rest of the term is in one place!

Thanks and best wishes,
Emma