ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR SEPTEMBER 2018 - AUGUST 2019 Gospel Phonics Community Choir

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FOREWARD

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all the Committee, Gemma and Ben and all choir members for the past enjoyable and profitable year.

1. Concerts

The following list shows the concerts/events in which we participated during the year September 2018 - August 2019.

27th/28th/29th September 2018 - Vicar of Dibley

All profits go to Action for Children

17th October 2018 - In-skip, United Reform Church, Chandlers

Ford

8th December 2018 - Christmas Concert in aid of Mayor's

Charities,

All Saints Church, Eastleigh.
Amount raised: £291.40

11th December 2018 - Charity Sing at General Hospital in aid of

Southampton Hospital Charity.

Amount raised: £71.73

23rd March 2019 - Concert at Velmore Church in aid of

Pamoja

Amount raised: £600 (with other

entertainers).

30th April 2019 - Concert at St Joseph's, Bugle Street,

Southampton, including performance by Youth Flute Band, in aid of City Centre Catholic Care for the elderly of Southampton and the School of Joy project

at Beit Sahour in Palestine.

Amount raised: £830 (from sale of tickets and refreshments), split between the two

charities.

11TH May, 2019 - Charity Sing at Asda in aid of Hantsar -

Amount Raised: £284.82

9th July, 2019 - Family & Friends Concert at United Reform

Church, Kings Road, Chandlers Ford.

Chosen

Charity was Pamoja. Amount raised: £284.10

2. Members Social Events

The following list shows the choir's social events which took place during the year September 2018 - August 2019.

18th December 2018 - Coach trip to Royal Albert Hall to see

London

Community Gospel Choir.

26th April 2019 - Skittles evening at King's Head,

Hursley.

3. Committee Members

The following list shows the elected members of the committee for the year September 2018 - August 2019

Gemma Nichols Musical Director

Ruth Taylor Chairman/Communications
Margaret Harding Membership Secretary
Jane Coulter Treasurer/Concert Liaison

Mary Tuffley Assistant Treasurer

Wendy Collins Social Functions Arranger/New Members

Liaison

Charles Stuart Media/Publicity/Website

Theresa Halliday Back-up volunteer

I would also like to emphasise how grateful we all are to the Committee Members who voluntarily give up some of their leisure time to ensure we function as smoothly as possible.

5. Finance

The financial summary is detailed in the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 10th September 2019, a copy of which can be provided on request, to all choir members.

6. Members

We have 36 members registered, lowest for some time, but partly due to having to streamline the Database in line with Data Protection.

Although not everyone can come every week, we still had a good average attendance last year of 26 members per week and have a good distribution of singers in each range, including a substantial group of men!

For those of you who are unable to attend regularly, please know that we welcome your visits when you can come.

It is also always good to welcome new faces so keep inviting people along. Remember that the first (and therefore 'see if you like us' session) is free and no one has an audition.

CONCLUSION

I hope you have enjoyed the last year as much as I have. We have achieved our aim of singing for our own enjoyment and that of others. Clearly, based on the money we have raised, our efforts are appreciated. Your loyalty to this commitment is always appreciated. Please continue to put forward ideas.

We look forward to another very enjoyable and fulfilling year.

Ruth Taylor

16th October 2019