

## **Music, Craft Group and Electoral Roll Reports from St Michaels.**

### **Music.**

Our Choir has grown in numbers over the past year and we now have Ten choristers. Having all voice – parts, we are now able to perform music in Four-part, something that has evaded us for some time. We continue to develop our repertoire by adding new styles and genres including Plainchant and as ever, I am always looking for further new Choristers to join us. Given the size of our choirstalls, eighteen would be an ideal number, thus I am looking for two Tenor, one Bass and Two Alto voices to be regular members of our choir.

We have one or two special services coming up this year and we are busy preparing Anthems and music for them as well as developing the new Mass that was introduced via the Gloria on Easter day. The choir rehearses every Friday in church from 5.30 to 6.30/45.

I intend to make fresh efforts to establish a Junior Singing group once the heating issue has been resolved. My aim is to recruit about sixteen 7 – 14 year old singers who will be given singing lessons and will have access to Piano and Organ Lessons. Hopefully, they will sing at the monthly Family Praise to begin with and then progress to the main service as well.

As ever, I am extremely grateful for our present choristers support and I know that I will continue to have that support and at times, guidance and advice.

We hope you enjoy listening to the choir and that they add to the leading of the service by enhancing your worship.

WE send you all Gods Blessings.

Derek Whitty  
Organist and Director of Music  
14 Apr 2023

### **Craft Group**

Attendance numbers are continuing to grow with the group meeting once a month in the Lower narthex of the church. Over the past year, the group has raised a significant amount of money from the Craft table situated in the narthex and our recent Craft fayre which was a resounding success raising approximately £650 for church funds. The fayre included the work of many talented people, displaying a wide range of crafts and skills. We hope to repeat the fayre at regular intervals throughout the year.

Liz Whitty and Lesley Heffer  
14 Apr 2023

### **Electoral Roll.**

Following the passing of several members of our church, the official Electoral Roll is at present **ninety-one**. Forms are available with our Electoral Roll Officer for those who wish to become elective members of the church.

Derek Whitty  
Electoral Roll Officer  
14 Apr 2023