

## **MUSIC REPORT FOR ST MICHAEL THE ARCH ANGEL**

It is most gratifying and pleasurable that we have been able to maintain the music in our worship for the last year, despite the obvious illnesses and subsequent restrictions. The choir members have continued to be fully committed and supportive to the clergy, to me as Director of Music and to you as the congregation they lead. Of course there have been issues that we have had to deal with, not least choristers and their families contracting Covid and having to isolate but, on the whole, we have been able to provide some musical leadership for most of the services.

We have found and are employing a new Organ Tuning company who have visited to tune the organ recently. I am sure you will agree that since that visit, the instrument is sounding much better than it was although it is going to need further attention in the near future.

Unfortunately, for various reasons, we have lost several members over the last few months, although I am hopeful that some of them will return in due course. In the coming year, I intend to recruit new choir members including developing a junior choir. This is not an easy task given that most of the possible new members are either committed to other vocal groups or live a distance away. Of course, the recruitment of junior choristers is even more problematical with parents having to commit to transporting them etc but, hopefully, God will show me the way.

We will be learning two new settings for the Eucharist in the next few months and I will be offering 'Come and learn' sessions for you to help with that.

Finally, if you know of any adults or youngsters who would like to join the choir, please put them in touch with me. I would be very grateful to hear from them.

As ever, I am committed to providing you with the best musical leadership possible, both from myself and from the choir.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Blessings.

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