

## The Heritage Singers



The Heritage Singers in Concert at St. Peter's Church, Thorner, Leeds.

The choir exists to continue the long tradition of choral music which has existed in the Church in England since Tudor times. It has been in existence for thirteen years, being formed initially from church musicians whose local choir was no longer viable. The choir sings mainly for Anglican or Church of England Services but has also sung for services in Churches of other traditions and aims to produce an English choral sound in the music sung.

The choir has sung in concerts, mainly to raise funds to help in the core work of singing for services. There is no charge made to sing a service, although donations are always appreciated towards the cost of maintaining the library of music, robes and other expenses. The concert repertoire, although containing many sacred pieces, adds secular works dating from Tudor times to the present day. What the choir has which is special is fellowship together, co-operation and concern for other choir members. This enables the soloists to not only sing as soloists but also blend in with the other members of the choir to produce the sound required.

We sang Evensong in the wonderful St. Nicholaaskerk, Amsterdam in 2006 and in St. Stephen's Basilica and Estergom Cathedral in Budapest during 2007.



In Budapest May 2007



Before a Concert at Warkworth in July 2007

We visited Northumbeland in July 2007 and sang the Office in Hexham Abbey.

In May 2008, we sang the Offices in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin and in August doing the same in Southwell Minster.



In St. Patrick' Cathedral, Dublin. May 2008

*'a truly splendid choir'*  
*Dr. Simon Lindley, Master of the Music, Leeds Parish Church*

By invitation of the University of Wisconsin, the choir will be visiting America in 2009. This will be our third visit, the first two having been highly successful and receiving standing ovations at all our concerts. The visit to Norway was extremely well-received and impressed the composer whose work we performed.

Despite our exciting visits within Europe and the USA, we exist to sing music well and to bring it back to places which have lost it. We are equally happy to work alongside small village choirs in workshops to prepare a service or concert and enable others to still enjoy being part of a live performance. The high standard we reach has been achieved through hard work and friendly co-operation. We would hope to share this with congregations or audiences wherever we are. We celebrated over 200 events with a Festal Evensong on 30<sup>th</sup>. March 2008 in Leeds Parish Church, led by the Rector.

The choir has made four CDs which were all well received and sold out quickly. There are a few left from the second release of the most recent two but recording is not the main purpose. Live music, created with and for other worshippers to experience the presence of God in their lives. One comment treasured from one service 'that was a truly spiritual moment for me' makes all the effort worth-while.

*'You were absolutely stunning , I could have listened to you the whole service ! ' A Parishioner at West Tanfield*

## What we offer

### Worship

The choir is capable of leading worship for any Anglican Service in the Prayer Book. We are also happy to prepare services for special occasions, such as Patronal Festivals, Meditations for Lent or Holy Week. We are happy to join remnants of choirs to do this. We make no charge for this but do welcome a donation towards our costs.

### Concerts

Not only do we have a repertoire of Sacred Music for Services but also an extensive repertoire of Secular Music to compliment this. We present the music with interesting and informative comments to help the audience appreciate what they are listening to. We do expect a fee for this, to be agreed when accepting the booking. A booking fee of £50.00 is needed when the event is confirmed.

### Weddings

We are used to singing for services and so are ideally suited to Weddings. We make a charge for this and will send fuller details on request.

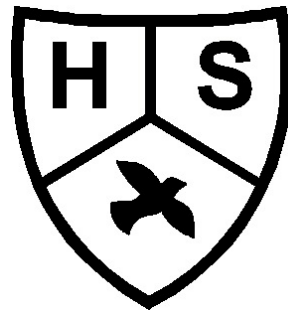
### Workshops

The choir will help with workshops for which there are a set of fees.

*"Thank you so much to all the choir for such a wonderful event. Everyone went home happy and uplifted. It was all just totally excellent."  
Churchwarden of St. Hilda's Church, Cross Green, Leeds.*

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## Who are we

### Musical Director

Tim Knight is a Choral and Orchestral Conductor of considerable experience and international renown. He is currently Director of Music at St. James' Church, Manston, Leeds as well as Conductor

of Vocalis and Associate Conductor of Thornton Vocal Union, Bradford . He runs workshops throughout the country and is a well-known composer of Choral and Orchestral works.

Tim Knight working on a composition at the piano.

(More details visit: [www.tim-knight.20m.com](http://www.tim-knight.20m.com))

### The Choir

The Heritage Singers is a choir of committed church musicians

who travel from many parts of Yorkshire and beyond to attend rehearsals in Leeds. We are enthusiastic to share music throughout Yorkshire, England and the World!



The Heritage Singers in a concert at Leyburn, North Yorkshire.

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