

**Alvechurch Community Choir  
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We had a really good session last night, enabling us to keep warm in all senses on a cold night. It was good to see so many people there, including some more recent members. Mike, Laurence and Dave took us through in detail some of the songs we are working up for concerts to come. The next one is Droitwich on 6 May, which seems a long way away but by the time you take out Easter it's not that long. The Erie Canal is one very suitable song we are working on at present, and you can hear a good version of it by Springsteen on the Seeger Sessions CD. We have some harmonies for it and a slightly different tune at one point, if you missed last night.

We also worked on the arrangement for Nowhere Man. Please check that you've got the updated version as the verse and chorus order is different. We worked on Rolling Home with the harmonies in the chorus. This one you can see if you look for the stage version of War Horse and John Tams performing it – there are several different versions though.

We sang Amazing Grace, which we are doing in a shortened version – four verses plus a repeat of verse 1. We did the Lion Sleeps tonight and on this one you need to check which bits are sung by men, altos and sopranos, as we have done it several different ways in the past.

Next week we are in the Village Hall again and the week after we go to the Social Club. Note that our last session before Easter, 26 March, will be in the Crown at Withybed, where we used to sing. I hope the weather will be more spring-like by then.

Mike and his friend Tony did a great set at Acoustic Roots last Friday, as did the Acoustic Belles the previous month. Don't forget these sessions at the Social Club, which are usually on the last Friday evening of the month.

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