

**Alvechurch Community Choir**  
**Newsletter 10 April 2018**

We were a bit down on numbers last night (it being still Easter holiday). But we had a good session at the Social Club, and found the new upstairs venue much better for singing. Welcome to some more new members as well – we are doing well this year with new people. Laurence will be with us for the next few weeks including the performance at Droitwich. Once more I'm appealing to you to **bring the latest version of the songs** – every week we get people trying to sing from older versions and disagreeing about the details! One or two were updated this week by Alison. If you use a tablet it should be a simple replacement – if you print them like I and the other dinosaurs do you can easily check and only print the ones that have changes.

I'm attaching the list of songs for Droitwich from Laurence – they look a good set.

Next week is the AGM of Everybody Let's Sing, our charity. For new members, this is now really just the same as ACC but it originally included some other bits of singing work too and could again if we wanted. The meeting only takes up about 30 minutes of the session and we rehearse as normal afterwards. I'm attaching the documents – please bring copies with you as we will not have them there. As well as the agenda there is a report on our work from last year and some suggestions for this next year. The financial report has also been attached as requested so you can have it with you. You will see that last year we made a loss over the year but this year we are back on track with a surplus. Remember that later in the year, in July, you get a chance to discuss how we are doing and make suggestions, and these are carried forward to the next AGM if needed.

There is progress on our workshop in June. A group from the committee has started planning it. The main workshop with Themba Mvula will be from **2.30 pm until 8 pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** and will be followed up with a session the following Monday evening (25 June) also with Themba. Volunteers are needed to help set out the hall and clear at the end. The workshop will be free and will include refreshments and drinks, also at no charge. We will make the invitation very open hoping to get some of our "sleeping" members back for a day, and also welcoming non-members. We hope the usual tea and coffee team will help with the refreshments.

In the meantime, we have performances on 6 May at St Richards festival, 19 May at the wedding and 27 May at the Picnic in the Park.

**If anyone receiving this is no longer interested in the choir and doesn't want to receive updates any more, please let me know on [mail@marygreen.plus.com](mailto:mail@marygreen.plus.com).**