

**Alvechurch Community Choir**  
**Newsletter 12 February 2019**

It was a bit cold in the Social Club last night but we warmed it up with singing. Thank you, Laurence and Dave and everyone who sang, especially Meg for her solo. I hope we get a few more sopranos back next week!

We are rehearsing now for the Palm Sunday event and also for the St Richards festival not long afterwards. I have further information about the Palm Sunday event (14 April)

We meet from around 10.30 to help gather the procession together on Redditch Road opposite the bottom of School Lane, outside Sandhills Nursery. We are due to start at 11.

The procession will be led by someone playing Jesus, and a donkey. There will be a few people holding palms, then us. Congregations from the three churches will follow us. We will lead the singing of the five hymns, with others joining in. It's not far down to the Precinct but we expect the procession to be quite slow. At the Precinct we will sing some more songs interspersed with reading and prayers by Fiona, the Baptist Church minister. The whole thing is expected to take about half an hour but that could slip a bit. Alison will send out the songs.

Our event is led by The Baptist Church but the whole sequence, called Alvechurch Arise, includes the other churches too, and the Lounge community café. There are events on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday too, though we are not taking part as a choir in any of them.

Next week we have a half term treat, a singalong at the Swan in Alvechurch. For new members, these sessions are free (though we hope you will buy a drink and support the pub) and you might like to bring along your stock of songs as you never know what we are going to sing! Then we'll be back in the Village Hall the week after as normal.

Laurence thanked those who suggested songs, and said keep them coming, It might take a while for your choice to be sung as they don't want to introduce too many new things at once, and they may find some of them not suitable for choirs.

Don't forget 25 March is our AGM where we review the year and set out ideas for next year. I'll be circulating some documents in a couple of weeks.

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