

**Alvechurch Community Choir
Newsletter 26 February 2019**

Thank you to the good crowd who turned out for last night, and for the session at the Crown last week. Both went very well – thank you Mike. We had a good old sing song at the Crown – thanks to them too for taking us in at the last minute. We have heard that their refurbishment has been postponed so they will stay open in the near future. We will have another session there later in the year. Last night we concentrated on the songs for Palm Sunday, 14 April, which are going well. I've started a sign-up sheet for that too. The procession part of it will be challenging – we're going to have to practice walking and singing at the same time. I think the more we can memorise those hymns the better, especially if it's raining on your tablet!

Just to remind you, the five procession hymns are:

Ride on Ride on
All Glory Laud and Honour
Make Way
We have a King whose name is Jesus
Hosanna

some of which we'll sing static and some walking! The congregations and others walking behind will have copies of the songs so they can join in. The rest of the songs we are preparing are for the Precinct when we reach there. Laurence and Mike will talk to Fiona, the Baptist minister, about the exact choice and order.

If anyone isn't able to walk but would like to join for the session in the Precinct, that's fine.

We have heard that George is very poorly in hospital and our thoughts, prayers and songs are with him.

On Monday 25 March it is our AGM and we are also making the most of that night by celebrating our tenth anniversary. The choir started in March 2009, in the Baptist hall, with Mike and Lillian Boutte. Diana is making us a special cake and I hope we can sing in a suitably celebratory way! So please get that in your diary and come along.

Our next performance is the St Richard's festival on 5 May, then Picnic in the Park on 26 May.

The lawns choir are going strong and are singing songs of spring and summer, which probably accounts for the weather we've been having! Our concert will be on 31 May.

Next week we are in the Village Hall again.

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