

Tiptree Choral Society Newsletter No. 34

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A final word from me before the Christmas break!

It's been a super term hasn't it, starting with our open rehearsal that produced a church full to bursting with singers – we all made a great sound didn't we and it was such good fun! As a result, we gained a delightful group of new members to the Society and all of us together were able to thrill our audience at St Luke's with what I thought was a truly joyous rendering of

'Messiah'.

Those of us who were able to go enjoyed our carol singing evening at Forrester's. We received a very friendly welcome and lots of people joined in and sang some of the carols with us. We were taken aback by and extremely appreciative of the 'whip round' they had for us – they have actually donated us an orchestra player for next December, which is wonderful.

And wasn't the Carol Concert at the URC a lovely way to complete the term? A great opportunity to sing more and different Christmas music following on from our fabulous 'Messiah' concert. Not having performed a concert like that in the URC before, it was great to be made so welcome by really helpful people when it came to setting up, and to have such a warm and friendly audience, at least some of whom had taken the trouble to follow us from St Luke's. Our members as always rolled their sleeves up to lend a

hand: moving furniture, setting out refreshments and washing up are among the many skills demonstrated on Saturday! Harold manned the door for us again, supported by our lovely Emily, home from uni. A huge thanks to one and all – we couldn't do it without you!

Good times are often edged with sad ones and this term also saw the passing of Tony Webb. Tony was a long-time supporter of the Choral Society and a Trustee for many years until his illness forced him to resign. Our love and sympathies go to his family and friends.

Birthday Greetings



Several members have celebrated birthdays during this term, so here is a brief mention with the hope that they all had a good time on their special days: Jenny A and Jenny B and Jenny P, James, Carol, Sue M and Sue AS, Yvonne, Heather, David L, Helena, Debbie and Geoff. We send birthday wishes to Katie, Judith and Betty, who all have birthdays during our Christmas break. Happy Birthday everyone!

Christmas Cheer!

In case you hadn't noticed, it's Christmas, and what do we have at Christmas? Crackers! Just to prepare you for the ones you will have to read on Christmas Day – here are a

few to get you 'warmed up' – feel free to share them generously!

Father Christmas lost his umbrella but he didn't get wet! Why not?

Because it wasn't raining!

How can you get your name in lights the world over?

Change your name to Emergency Exit!

How do monkeys make toast?

Stick some bread under the gorilla!

How does Father Christmas climb up a chimney?

He uses a ladder in the stocking!

How do witches tell the time?

With a witch-watch!

If I'm standing at the North Pole, facing the South Pole, and the East is on my left hand, what's on my right hand?

Fingers!

Dates for your 2017 Diary

- January 5th Spring term rehearsals begin
- March 25th 'Elijah' at St Luke's Church
- March 25th end of spring term
- April 20th Summer term rehearsals begin
- June 24th Summer concert at St Luke's Church
- July 6th AGM and end of summer term
- September 7th Autumn term rehearsals begin
- December 2nd Bach, Vaughan Williams and Britten at St Luke's Church with the Kingfisher Sinfonietta
- December 9th carol concert at URC (tbc) and end of autumn term

It only remains for me to wish you all many happy moments over the coming Christmas days - wherever you are, I hope you have a really super time!

See you next year!

Liz

14th December 2016

