

Benefice (Church) Choir Report. 2023 Worlingworth

We still call ourselves the 'Benefice Choir'. The name represented our benefice when we were Bedfield, Monk Soham, Tannington and Worlingworth Churches together. We respond to invitations to sing in any of these four Churches and beyond.

Now we are united in the 'Four Rivers Benefice', with another four Churches joining us in 2013. (Laxfield, Cratfield, Brundish and Wilby). We are not the official choir of the Four Rivers Benefice.

The choir resumed meeting physically in 2022 when singing in groups were allowed again during the relaxing of Covid 19 rules.

The Benefice choir has about 14 members from Worlingworth and surrounding parishes and Churches.

We do not have a membership fee and are not salaried.
We have very modest funds and provide music to our members and fund robes.

We have members with Church of England, Methodist, RC and Baptist backgrounds.

For formal services in Churches we robe in cassocks or wear black clothing, both are smart. On some other occasions we are informal.
We are open to invitations to sing at weddings.

We usually meet for practice (leading up to an event), on a Tuesday morning at 10.30 at Carters Farm, The Community Centre or the Church. New members are welcome, please contact Christine Stanford on 01728 628474 to check practice time and date.

We would welcome new singers to join us, SATB, but especially Alto, Tenor and Base singers who can sight read music.

During 2022 we sang at Worlingworth Church for special services, eg. Open Gardens weekend service, Harvest service and All Souls and Saints on 1st November.

The choir led the singing at the celebration service of Her Majesty's Platinum jubilee and sang an anthem.

We resumed our community Christmas carol singing. Informally leading the singing at the 'Tractor Run' community charity event.
Then, at the re-opened Swan PH where a very warm reception was given us as customers eagerly joined in the singing!

Chris Stanford. Leader