

St Botolph's Church choir Report 2025 for Annual PCC Meeting

Our numbers have fluctuated a little, as members have faced illness both of themselves and family members, but in spite of this we have 10 to 12 regular choristers and we are pleased to sing at all our services including a Christingle service, the Tenebrae Service, the village V.E. 80 years celebration in May, a Pets' Service, an the Souls Service, and the traditional Carol Service in December

We have sometimes been able to join with Willingham choir for Group services held on the fifth Sunday of the month. Some of our members have been able to go to their choir rehearsals on Tuesday evenings and have joined them to sing at a wedding at Stow and their Harvest Evensong . Several members were able to attend the Funeral of Mike Seddon a much loved and respected member of their choir. It is a great help being able to call on some of their members to join us if our numbers are low for an occasional service.

We continue to hold our choir practice on Thursday evenings from 6.00 to 7.30pm in the small room of the church hall which gives us the opportunity to learn new psalms and introits, and to enjoy singing together. We thank our choir leader Roger Pilgrim for his encouragement and all the work he does behind the scenes in preparing new music for us, and commend him for his loyalty in coming to practices when suffering from quite severe health problems – a lesser man might have given up, but we hope the fun we have as well as the singing is a boost to his morale.

Susan Sharpe