

Music Before Evensong

On 1st October we had a lovely afternoon concert and tea which raised £345 for the Musical Instrument Fund. Despite many performers being affected by the seasonal bug and other mishaps, we managed to have everyone there. There were many highlights including a baroque string ensemble to accompany Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring, Julie Parker's dramatic rendition of Vissi d'Arte from Tosca and Ben Lee's delightful piano solos. Kevin put the organ through its paces with some Guilamant, the wind quintet played A Nightingale Sang in Berkley Square, and Rosie's new (old) cello had its first outing with a movement from a Goltermann Concerto. It was particularly heart warming to encourage younger performers; Jenny, Rosie, Ben and Jasmine, described by Barbara as our 'harvest of the future' and also to have persuaded Emma and Michael to dust off their violin and viola and play again. We had nearly 30 performers in all and are hugely blessed by their talent and commitment. After the music we all enjoyed lots of sandwiches and cake! Our thanks to the catering team as the chance to enjoy this fellowship and chat with friends greatly enhances the occasion.

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