

PARISH MUSIC

It has been a very quiet year for the choir as congregational singing and choral music has not been allowed in churches since the March 2020 lockdown. We have, however, tried to continue making a joyful noise unto the Lord by offering organ music both when the church has been open and when it has been livestreamed from church itself. In the first lockdown we all undertook a steep learning curve as we attempted to livestream from our own homes. Rosie and I broadcast a piece for cello and piano followed by a hymn before the start of worship throughout the first lockdown, managing all the Easter services. It became necessary to keep the piano

tidy! Kevin has done a wonderful job all year broadcasting Community Choir almost every week- thank you from all of us.

In a brief spell before Christmas we were able to have 6 choristers physically distanced at the front of church singing a hymn at Harvest and All Souls. We also managed a handful of carols at the Christmas Service. Many people said they had felt quite emotional at hearing even a small group singing hymns again, showing how important and precious these familiar words and music are in our worship. We look forward to a time when we can all sing together again, hopefully before the end of 2021.

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