

Spring 2019 Newsletter



As we look forward to the choir's residency in York Minster this coming summer (29th July to 4th August) we reflect on what has been a busy and eventful year for the Trust.

Philip Lank

In July 2018, the Trust held a memorial concert to celebrate the life of Philip Lank, after whom the Trust is named. The concert was attended by many friends and colleagues of Philip, who were entertained by St. Wulfram's Choir, Richard Markham on the piano and Joseph Beech on the organ. As a result of the generous donations by many in the congregation and others, the Trust has been able to replace completely the choir hymn books in memory of Philip.

The St. Wulfram's Choir

The choir has been successful in recruiting and training young choristers in addition to ensuring a good balance of ATB singers on the back row. The choral training programme has yielded many awards through the Royal School of Church Music scheme. These include 11 Gold Awards (the highest chorister award in the country), in addition to 34 Silver (Bishop's) and 47 Bronze (Dean's) Awards. The Youth Choir has flourished over the last year, and sings a Friday Choral Evensong in the Lady Chapel at 5.15 pm during term time. The Trust, in partnership with the Young Organ Scholars Trust (YOST), the Ouseley Trust, the Royal School of Church Music and The Royal College of Organists has supported 10 Choral Scholars and nine Organ Scholars and looks to develop this further in the future.

Recent R.S.C.M. Gold Award recipients



News of the Youth Choir, and the training and performance opportunities available to them has featured in The Church Music Quarterly (RSCM house magazine) and Cathedral Voice (the Friends of Cathedral Music house magazine). The Trust was fortunate in securing a substantial grant from the John Pilling Trust which allowed for the purchase of a splendid box organ. This is used to accompany the weekly Youth Choir choral evensong, but is portable enough to be moved around the church.



Organ Scholar Matilda Johnson

In recognition of his work, our congratulations go to St. Wulfram's Master of the Music Dr Tim Williams on the award of a Certificate of Special Service from the Royal School of Church Music for his 'significant contribution to church music at St. Wulfram's and in partnership with local schools.'

The choir has now sung in more than 20 cathedrals around England and Wales in addition to local churches as part of our outreach programme. The year will conclude with the choir singing a service of choral evensong in Westminster Abbey on New Year's Eve.



Dr Tim Williams



The Choir in Ripon Cathedral

Composer Partnership Work

St. Wulfram's is developing an exciting initiative of commissioning new music and working in partnership with eminent and emerging composers including Philip Moore, Richard Allain, Caitlin Harrison, James Whitbourn and composer-in-residence Paul Hayward.



The Box Organ

Looking Forward

The Trust continues to be grateful for donations from individuals and organisations, in addition to grant funding from a variety of charities, most notably the Ouseley, AllChurches and John Pilling Trusts. Support for Choral and Organ Scholars has been enhanced through longer term donors. The Trust remains committed in its desire to attract endowment funding to set the Scholarship scheme on a permanently funded basis.

If you wish to discuss how you might be able to help through a donation or bequest please contact the Chairman of Trustees Roger Sleigh on 01476 572377 or roger.sleigh@btinternet.com.

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