

ST PETER'S CHOIR REPORT

31st MARCH 2019

During this past year the choir has performed weekly throughout the year except for a recess period in mid Winter. The choir comprises 6 singers, although numbers are sometimes augmented for special occasions.

We are hugely indebted to our musical director Alison Frude. She selects the anthem music according to the theme for the particular Sunday. Then she arranges the music to suit the voices that are available. She rehearses the music with us each Thursday and before services. Accompanying us on the piano, she also conducts us with her head and with her expressions. A remarkable feat.

Last December we were sorry to lose Sue Gray from the choir. She had contributed so much to the choir and to the music generally in the Parish. She and Sid have left the district to retire to Nelson and we wish them well.

Our choir is a close knit group who enjoy music. We see our role in the church as being to lead the hymn singing and to provide an anthem which may be of praise or meditation. Music, we feel, can contribute positively to the spirit of a service and enhance the worship. In a church with so many non-English speaking visitors, music can communicate, even if words are not so easily understood.