

Buckden Singers: Christmas 2021

Message from Anne

As you probably know a reduced number of us (25-30) have been meeting each week in Kettlewell Village Hall to prepare a Christmas programme. However given the increasing rates of Covid in our area at present and the vulnerabilities of many choir members we have been very cautious both in how we rehearse and the commitments we feel it is sensible to take on.

For this reason there will be **no Christmas Concert in Buckden Village Institute** this year as has been the case in previous years. The choir as it stands will hold its own small celebration in Kettlewell Village Hall with numbers limited to those who have been coming along to rehearsals this term. This will fill the capacity of the Hall based on Covid risk assessments.

The Carol Service at St Margaret's, Threshfield will feature a small group of Buckden Singers who will lead the singing. This will take place on Sunday 12th December at 3.00pm. The congregation will be asked to wear masks and socially distance.

The Carol Service at St Michael's, Hubberholme, will similarly feature a small (but different) group of Buckden Singers who will lead the singing. This will take place on Wednesday 29th December at 7.00pm. The congregation will be asked to wear masks and socially distance.

There will be no refreshments at either service.

We have had to decline invitations to sing at Threshfield Court and the Grassington Christmas Market.

We are very sad that we cannot, as we had hoped, return to 'normal' but feel that the health and well being both of the Choir and the community are our priority and it is therefore with great reluctance that we have made these decisions.

Choir rehearsals for the spring/summer season will recommence on **Thursday 13th January at 7.30pm in Kettlewell Village Hall**. Members past and present would be most welcome to re-join us but please note

- we sit and sing in a socially distanced way
- we wear masks when not seated
- we never share music: if you are planning on coming back and have not already been to rehearsals this term please can you let us know so we can ensure we have music for you.

Let's hope for a return to normality in 2022!