

## THE CHISWICK CHOIR REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES 2024-25

The Chiswick Choir trading as West London Chorus is a registered charity, number 278765, whose objectives are 'to educate the public in the arts and sciences, and in particular the art and science of music, by the presentation of concerts and other activities'.

The trustees for the year were A Speakman (Chair, appointed October 2016), P Wickstead (Hon Secretary, appointed April 2023) and S Richards (Hon Treasurer, appointed October 2011). Other committee members were C Williams, S Von Bismarck, G Cuming, B Barker, C Dewhurst, P Evans, W Johnson and C Geldart. The rehearsal accompanist was Marija Struckova and the Music Director Hilary Campbell.

### Concert Programme

The first concert on 7 December at St Michael & All Angels W4 1TT featured Handel's *Messiah Part1* with soloists Katie Trethewey, Eleanor Minney, James Robinson and Lawrence White. The organist was Liam Dunachie and the orchestra was arranged by Katie Holmes. The second concert on 5 April also at St Michael & All Angels, was Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle*, with soloists Harriet Burns, Helen Stanley, Graham Neal and James Hall, pianists Marija Struckova and Krystal Tunnicliffe and harmonium player Michael Butterfield. Our summer concert on 5 July at St Stephen's Church, Gloucester Road SW7 4RL entitled *The Rainbow* included the UK premiere of Bob Chilcott's *The Rainbow* with other songs based on a colour theme, including solos by our scholars JJ Lam, Clare Sutherland, Arhan Kumar and Nick McMahon. In addition to the three main concerts, the newly formed chamber choir Chorale held a Christmas themed concert at St Nicholas Church on 16 December.

### Other Choir Activities

There was a social and singing weekend in Cambridge in September attended by many members. Members of the choir sang at Southwark Cathedral in July to deputise for their regular choir for the weekend services, with music by Mozart, Stamford, Vaughan Williams, Rutter and Howells.

### Financial Report

The choir's bank accounts are held with Santander and Lloyds, with a deposit account with the COIF Charities Deposit Fund.

### Scholarship Scheme

Four annual scholarships worth £1100 each and open to singers aged 18-30, or students in full or part time music education were offered. Thanks to sponsorship, we were able to award two bass scholarships.

**Friends** of the choir are our regular supporters, receiving the benefit of tickets for each concert and an invitation to the annual Chiswick Choir and Friends' party for paying an annual subscription.

**Sponsor** in 2024/25 was Fuller Smith & Turner plc.

Members' **subscriptions** were increased to £250 if paid once a year, £270 for members paying twice yearly and £300 if subscriptions are paid each term.

The choir finished the year with funds of **£15,506**. The membership subscription will be held for 2025/26 as will that for the Friends.

We are most grateful for the generosity of all our friends, sponsors and members of the choir.

Sheila Richards, Hon Treasurer

October 2025

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Summary of Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2025

		2025	2024
<b>Income</b>	Members subscriptions	26,610	19,961
	Gift Aid & Bank Interest	6,412	3,903
	Sale of music to members	1,510	2,020
	Friends subscriptions & donations	6,375	8,000
	Sponsorship & programme advertising	750	2,300
	Workshop	1,379	1,961
	Fundraising	211	2,230
	Sundry income incl rehearsal refreshments	859	96
	Choir tours/trips	18,261	2,250
		<b>62,367</b>	<b>42,721</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	Musical Director fees	16,982	15,737
	Rehearsal Pianist fees	6,685	5,655
	Scholarships	4,845	4,525
	Rehearsal halls	3,894	2,781
	Purchase of music for resale	2,101	1,935
	Choir trips/tours	7,383	2,907
	Sundry expenditure incl Christmas party	897	475
	Making Music subs, PRS, insurance	876	1,204
	Website & Fundraising costs	1,093	856
	Workshop	270	221
		<b>45,026</b>	<b>36,296</b>
<b>Surplus / (deficit) before concert account</b>		<b>17,341</b>	<b>6,426</b>

## CONCERT ACCOUNT

<b>Income</b>	Ticket sales & refreshments	17,298	13,922
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<b>Expenditure</b>	Orchestra	6,789	11,736
	Soloists	5,430	3,950
	Staging & Instrument hire	5,904	1,211
	Programmes & Publicity	1,638	1,882
	Venue hire	2,512	1,046
	Refreshments	1,908	1,220
	Sundry expenses	857	123
	Music hire	-	398
		<b>25,038</b>	<b>21,566</b>
<b>Concert Account Surplus / (deficit)</b>		<b>(7,740)</b>	<b>(7,644)</b>
	Surplus before concert account	17,341	6,426
	Concert account deficit	(7,740)	(7,644)
	<b>Surplus/(deficit) for year</b>	<b>9,601</b>	<b>(1,218)</b>
	Funds in hand at 1st August	15,506	16,724
	Funds in hand at 31st July	<b>25,107</b>	<b>15,506</b>

## REPRESENTED BY (Statement of assets and liabilities)

Cash at bank (Santander, Lloyds + CCLA)	22,565	18,022
Less deferred income	(4,629)	(7,323)
Plus accrued income	3,000	3,000
Plus prepayments	11,543	2,281
Less creditors & accrued expenditure	(7,372)	(475)
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**CONCERT ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 July 2025**

	<b>Dec-24</b>	<b>Dec Chorale</b>	<b>Apr-25</b>	<b>Jul-25</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Income</b>					
Tickets, programmes & refreshments	7,313	2,286	4,239	3,460	17,298
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>7,313</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>4,239</b>	<b>3,460</b>	<b>17,298</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Concert orchestra	5,189	200	1,100	300	6,789
Concert soloists	2,000	170	1,600	1,660	5,430
Staging & Instrument hire	930	80	2,437	2,457	5,904
Programmes & Publicity	818	53	285	482	1,638
Venue hire	805	280	1,027	400	2,512
Refreshments	465	135	390	918	1,908
Sundry	-	-	-	857	857
Music hire	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>10,207</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>6,839</b>	<b>7,074</b>	<b>25,038</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit)</b>	<b>(2,894)</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>(2,600)</b>	<b>(3,614)</b>	<b>(7,740)</b>

**Programme for season 2024-25**

Dec-24 Messiah x2  
Chorale Christmas programme  
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**Note - Other Assets**

The choir owns a touch-sensitive Roland electronic keyboard.  
It is available for hire by responsible persons.  
It was purchased as an ex-demonstration model in 1996 for £1200  
It is insured for a replacement value of £6000

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHISWICK CHOIR**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Chiswick Choir for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

1. the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
3. the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



**Christopher J Wright**  
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26<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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