

Music at our Church – by Elaine Baulderstone



*God created us to be instruments with the ability to sing and make music. Music is an important part of worship and praise to God.
Psalm 150: 1-5,
Praise the lord....*

Above: some members of the choir at choir practice

The Kidman Park Church of the Resurrection is lucky enough to have a choir to lead us with the hymns each Sunday. At the moment, we have 12 singers who meet weekly for practice. In winter, we practise on a Wednesday afternoon and from September, we practise at night, also on a Wednesday.

At Christmas, we have a special Carol Service and we invite singers from other churches to join us, so we practise at night. Our leader is Edith Webster OAM who is an organist at St. Michael & all Angels at Henley Beach and she willingly leads our choir.

Psalm 40:3 He put the new songs in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.



Above: Edith Webster OAM ready to guide the choir

As we have no organist, we rely on sequenced music. James Clay is very competent operating the computer for the music and can also sequence any new music we may need.



Above James Clay ready to select the sequenced music

Amos 6:5 You strum away on your harps like David and improvise on musical instruments.

We have several special occasions when the choir sings an anthem during the service. One is at Easter and the other is our anniversary. When St. James at Mile End celebrates its Patronal Festival, our choir is invited to sing an anthem during the service.

The hymns we sing each Sunday are carefully chosen by a planning committee. There are 4 of us including the Rector. We meet on a regular basis and plan 5 to 6 weeks in advance. Our co-ordinator Karen Cameron sends us the readings for the period. From these we choose the appropriate hymns. This entails reading all the Bible passages and analysing their meanings and then finding suitable hymns. These are then collated and discussed at our meetings and the best hymns chosen. The Rector has final say if he thinks a hymn is not suitable. The chosen hymns are then collated and all choir members receive a copy. As we have printed copies of most of most of our music, it is then up to choir members to collect their own music. There are certain requirements that have to be met when choosing a hymn. Do we have copyright and is the music sequenced? The church pays the copyright fee annually.

We try to choose hymns that the congregation is familiar with. We try to include some new hymns and try to keep the hymns bright and cheerful. We would gladly welcome any new singers who would like to join us. We do not hold auditions!

Psalm 95:1 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!