

## **Cathedral Music Report (2024)**

The Cathedral choir (adults) has 9 soprano, 4 alto, 4 tenor, 6 bass singers ably assisted by Josh and Hannah.

The Young People's Choir (YPC) has 13 singers and the Cathedral Strings has 13 members.

It was sad to lose Mitchell as his work required him to relocate to Auckland earlier in the year (his tenor mirabilis is missed), but it was great to welcome back Charlotte, Max, Carlana and Bethan for the Christmas period.

Rae Towers hung up her robe from regular attendance but thankfully continues to join us for evensongs and is continuing in her role of choir P.R. with Susan. Thanks for all you both do to get the word out there.

Graeme West is our librarian. It is no simple task looking after sets of 30 copies of music that are coming in and out weekly. Thank you, Graeme, for your dedication to this role.

In 2024 the Cathedral Music held 2 concerts and a sing-in. These were well received by the audiences and the sing in, once again, saw us attract new members to the Cathedral Choir.

Michael Fletcher has once again been an invaluable support for the music here. For his willingness to join us and dedicate so much of his own annual leave to provide spectacular organ accompaniments and playing, we are indebted to him.

The YPC perform at Ormond every second month with Dorothy. They continue to grow in vocal strength and are really well appreciated by the congregation up there. In fact, their other instrumental talents were evident on Christmas Day at Ormond, when they led all the music by themselves. Their mini orchestra was great. Thank you, Dorothy and YPC parents, for all the encouragement you give them. They love going to sing at Ormond Chapel.

Finn Clark continues to impress us with his musical talents at Ormond Chapel, being their regular organist for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday services. It is great to have you, Finn.

My thanks to all the Parishioners, Clergy and visitors who support us and pass on their gratitude for what we do. It is awesome to be so valued.

Here's goes to another great year in 2025.