

## Junior Choir Annual Report 2023

Junior Choir is now well into its third decade at Little St Mary's, meeting every Friday in term time, in the Parish Centre, from 5pm until around 5.40pm, when the children and parents have refreshments, socialise and enjoy Little St Mary's garden. Everyone is most welcome, from babies up to children about the age of 7, and parents and carers have always played an integral part, from bringing children, on a Friday evening, quite long distances in some cases, supporting their music making both in the session itself, on the journey home, and at home.

Three members of the Junior Choir became probationer choristers in 2022. Thank you Mura, Ava and Matilda for everything you gave to the Junior Choir – your commitment, enthusiasm and your lovely singing which I know has inspired the younger children. We have also welcomed new families to Junior Choir from September 2022, and there are now well over 20 children and their parents and carers on the register.

The Junior Choir sang on Mothering Sunday and at Harvest Festival during the 10.30am High Mass as well as singing *The Seven Joys of Mary* at the Nine Lessons and Carol Service at Christmas. The children helped choose the music and some pieces such as *Jubilate Deo* have become well-established favourites of children as young as 2.

Thank you everyone who attends Junior Choir, the children, parents and carers, Agnes who brings such joy to the singing and Bob who provides our refreshments. Our music-making is truly a highlight of my week.

*Mary Ward*