



**Metropolitan Cathedral**  
of Christ the King Liverpool

# **Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choir Association**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

*A Registered Charity*

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## Organisation Details

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choir Association

Registered Charity No. 513081

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## **PATRONS**

### **President**

The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP  
*Archbishop of Liverpool*

### **Vice-Presidents**

Very Rev Canon Anthony O'Brien  
*Dean – Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King*

Ms K Peaston  
*Headteacher, Runnymede, St Edward's*

Mr Stephen Morris  
*Principal, St Edward's College*

## **TRUSTEES**

Mrs Christine Nurse	Chair
Mrs Jacqueline Larrosa	Honorary Secretary
Mr Anthony Leo	Honorary Treasurer
Position Unfilled	Fundraising Representative (Boys' Choir)
Position Unfilled	Fundraising Representative (Girls' Choir)
Mrs Wendy Callacher	Elected Member
Mr Charlie Warrington	Lay Clerks' Representative
Mrs Anne-Marie Warrington	Co-opted Member
Dr Christopher McElroy	Director of Music
Mr James Luxton	Assistant Director of Music

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## CHAIR'S REPORT

This has been a particularly eventful time since the last AGM, as we have celebrated the re-launch of the Cathedral Grand Organ, following its once-in-a-generation restoration by Harrison & Harrison organ builders. The official "return" of our grand organ took place on Sunday 12 May, when we welcomed internationally renowned organist and improviser [Martin Baker](#) to give the opening organ recital. To celebrate this momentous event, the Music Department launched a series of musical liturgies and concerts taking place in the Cathedral, and the organ featured in many of the events, as do the Metropolitan Cathedral Choirs.

Prior to this, in October we hosted the Mozart Requiem, performed by all the choirs and the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra. We were delighted to welcome guest conductor Tucker Biddlecombe, the Director of Choral Activities at Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music in Nashville, USA. And on the Feast of Christ the King, on 26 November, we were joined by Gavin Ralston, a Trustee of the Cathedral Music Trust, who presented the Dean with a cheque for £25,000 to be used to provide training and educational opportunities for choral and organ pathways for those who have left the choir.

The Choir embarked on their first European Tour since Covid, to Holland. Choir Tours, particularly abroad, introduce out choristers to different cultural and liturgical experiences, which has a huge educational benefit. But sadly, as everyone knows, the cost of travel of any kind has escalated to the point where the feasibility of any future Tours is in doubt, without some substantial funding.

We finished the academic year slightly differently this year, as the work being carried out outside the Cathedral meant that we could not have our usual End of Term picnic in the Gibberd Room. However, this was moved to the Crypt, and allowed families to gather and socialise with one another, but more importantly, it provided an opportunity to thank choristers and Lay Clerks who were moving on, for all their commitment and hard work.

Fundraising has again focussed on larger musical events, held in the Cathedral, which are proving to be very popular with the public and are supported by increasing numbers. We would not be able to host these events if we did not have the support of parents, in the many varied roles needed to put on these events, such as front of house, distributing programmes and providing refreshments, and I genuinely and whole-heartedly thank each and every one of them for their support.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Director of Music, Dr McElroy for the tireless work that he has done throughout the year to ensure that the Choristers and Lay Clerks continue to perform throughout the year. I would also like to thank, and congratulate, newly appointed Monsignor O'Brien, and his PA Claire O'Hanlon for their continued support for the Choirs.

I would particularly like to thank the Association's Secretary, Mrs Jackie Larossa and the Treasurer, Mr Anthony Leo, who have provided so much support to me, throughout the year, despite the many demands and pressures that they face in their daily working lives as well as their "Cathedral" lives. And last, but not least, I would like to thank the members of the Association Committee, who tirelessly provide support; we may be a small team, but thanks to them, we manage to deliver what is required at the different events.

**Christine Nurse**  
**Chair**

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

The audited accounts to 31 December 2023 are presented in this booklet and have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

The twelve month period to 31 December 2023 saw more financial transactions for the Choir Association than during COVID-19, but still fewer than pre-pandemic.

In overall terms, the accounts remained healthy at the close of 2023.

**Anthony Leo**

Treasurer

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## AUDITOR'S REPORT

Auditor's report to the members of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choir Association (Registered Charity No. 513081) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

In connection with the examination of the above charity's accounts, no matter has come to attention which gives reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements i) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 1 of the Charities' Act 1993 and ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act have not been met or iii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Stan Hesketh**

Auditor/Independent Examiner

1 September 2024

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**LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL CHOIR ASSOCIATION**  
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**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**CHOIRS GENERAL FUND**

£

**Income**

Fundraising	253.39	
Donations	300.00	
Choir Ties	110.00	
Choir Trip - London	187.50	
Choir Trip Nell Bank	65.00	
Fundraising Income from Concerts	5,775.39	
		<u>6,691.28</u>

**Expenditure**

Fundraising Expenses	90.00	
General Expenses	24.99	
Postage	5.61	
Catering	356.05	
Choir Stall Candles	1,362.00	
Concert - Mozart Requiem	1,937.39	
Concert - Christmas Celebration	2,677.24	
Concert - Music for a King	238.00	6,691.28
Surplus For Year		<u>0.00</u>

**TOUR FUND**

**Income**

Participants' Contribution	13,075.00	
Fundraising Income from Concerts	8,776.19	
		<u>21,851.19</u>

**Expenditure**

Air Travel	16,776.26	
Accommodation	7,482.38	
Coach Travel	1,715.42	
Train Travel	733.46	
Meals & Subsistence	1,896.62	
Chorister Sightseeing Trips	602.27	
Recce Trip	310.76	
Fundraising Expenses	135.74	29,652.91
Deficit For Year		<u>(7,801.72)</u>

**CASH CRESCENDO FUND**

£

**Income**

Lottery Income	1,547.84	
		<u>1,547.84</u>

**Expenditure**

Prizes	1,275.00	
		<u>1,275.00</u>
Surplus For Year		<u>272.84</u>

**SUBSCRIPTION FUND**

**Income**

Subscriptions	491.00	
		<u>491.00</u>

**Expenditure**

Choral Whispers	0.00	0.00
Surplus For Year		<u>491.00</u>

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**LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL CHOIR ASSOCIATION**  
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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**BANK BALANCES**

**£**

TSB Bank	15,370.83
National Westminster Bank PLC No. 1 Account	49,639.62
National Westminster Bank PLC No. 2 Account	7.34
	<u><b>65,017.79</b></u>

**REPRESENTED BY FUNDS**

**General Fund**

Brought Forward Balance	8,113.21
Movement in Year	0.00
	<u>8,113.21</u>

**Tour Fund**

Brought Forward Balance	18,396.15
Movement in Year	(7,801.72)
	<u>10,594.43</u>

**Cash Crescendo Fund**

Brought Forward Balance	15,097.99
Movement in Year	272.84
	<u>15,370.83</u>

**Subscription Fund**

Brought Forward Balance	6,527.98
Movement in Year	491.00
	<u>7,018.98</u>

**Miscellaneous Fund**

Brought Forward Balance	7.34
Movement in Year	0.00
	<u>7.34</u>

**FCM - Girls' Choir**

Brought Forward Balance	20,000.00
Movement in Year	0.00
	<u>20,000.00</u>

**FCM - Theory**

Brought Forward Balance	3,913.00
Movement in Year	0.00
	<u>3,913.00</u>

**Balance**

**65,017.79**

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**ENDOWMENT FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
Bank Interest	326.06
	<u>326.06</u>
<b>Payments</b>	
Bank Account Monthly Fees	60.00
	<u>60.00</u>
Surplus	<u><u>266.06</u></u>

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

<b>Bank Balance</b>	
Balance Per CAFCASH Account	<u><u>163,173.90</u></u>
<b>Represented by Funds</b>	
Brought Forward Balance	162,907.84
Movement	<u>266.06</u>
	<u><u>163,173.90</u></u>