

In THE Spotlight



In our latest **#InTheSpotlight** feature, we catch up with **Katie Metcalfe** from the Parish Choir who runs the 'Sing For' singing project.

(1) What is the purpose of your team and what does it involve?

The Sing For project involves four weeks of rehearsals and then a performance to family and friends and the wider community. We sing music of all styles and genres and each project includes a sea shanty - inspired by Fisherman's Friends!

The audience attend the performance and bring a donation to either NOAH or Keystage Housing and this adds to the funds we raise from the joining fees. Each participant pays £40 for the course and the money collected is split between the two charities.

(2) How many people are involved?

Between 20-35 people

(3) How does your team fulfil the Parish Mission / Vision?

We are open to the entire community and support two homeless charities.

(4) What do you enjoy most about your role?

Working with singers of all ages and abilities to collaborate and work to a communal goal.

(5) What are some of the key challenges you face?

No real challenges, but we would love for the word to spread and encourage more families to attend.

(6) What has been your highlight so far?

Many!

Every performance is heartwarming, and we invite different musicians to join us to not only play with us, but to play solo pieces as part of the concert. To name a few: Uilleann pipes, violin, African drums, saxophone and most recently the bagpipes joined us for Highland Cathedral and Mull of Kintyre.

Another highlight is seeing the piles of donations being collected and then driven, by volunteers, to those who need them.

(7) How can others in the Parish get involved?

Please sign up to the next event – everyone is welcome!