### **Welcome to our choir!**

**Here are some key facts about Gabalfa Community Choir**

Our choir was founded in 2010, initially comprising members from St. Mark's Church, but now our members come from all parts of Cardiff and beyond. The main aim of our choir is to make friends and to make music. We encourage people who would not normally sing to experience the enjoyment of singing in a choir.

Justine Oakley is our Musical Director. Justine received her formal training and qualifications in music at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. After gaining her Advanced Diploma, she spent a year developing her voice, then went straight on to teaching voice and piano privately. As a singer, she was a member of the Youth Choir of Wales, and later on, a member of the well-known Ardwyn Singers. She has performed as a soloist as a guest of several choirs.

For many years, Justine has been associated with a well-known choral society based in Tongwynlais as their assistant MD, taking full charge of the choir on their tour of Malta in 2011, also performing as a soloist at those concerts with great success.

Philip May is our accompanist and has also been with us since 2012. He has a Master's degree in Music Performance, and works periodically for Welsh National Opera's Max department and the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

**Committee:** Our choir is run by an elected committee. Joy Griffin is our Chairperson and Gill Chichester is our choir Secretary. Other committee members are Paul Perera (Treasurer), Carol Bickford (Librarian), Jen Tarr (Church Representative), and Elaine Campbell-Hopkins (Events). Our AGM takes place in September.

**Subscriptions** currently stand at £25 per term (full-rate) and a concessionary rate of £20 for anyone who is not in employment. Subscriptions fall due at the beginning of each term. Members may also pay their fees by monthly standing order, rates being £6.25 (full rate) and £5 (concessions). Our Bank details are –

The Cooperative Bank

Account Name: Gabalfa Community Choir Sort Code: 089299 Account Number: 65667705

**Rehearsals** take place on Fridays, between 7 and 9 p.m. We have a 15 minute break at about 8 p.m. Refreshments are available during the break, for which a payment of 50p is suggested.

**Sheet Music** is normally supplied to members. There may be exceptions where you are required to buy your own copy of a book. New music is distributed by the Librarian at the start of each term.

Our website is at <http://gabalfacc.com>

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## Membership Form – Please Print Clearly

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| **Address** | **Land Line** |
| **Mobile** |
| **Preferred section (Soprano/Alto/Tenor/Bass)** |
| **Signature** |
| **Email Address** | |  |