### **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 joy 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, she was a member of the well-known Ardwyn Singers. She has performed as a guest soloist for several choirs.
Justine has been with us since 2015. She led a successful choir tour to Malta 6 years ago. Since then, she has run weekend residential workshops in Llanelli, Aberavon or Swansea each year in Autumn. These workshops not only allow us to master our repertoire for the term, but also provide a space for our members to bond over shared experiences and interests, resulting in a strong sense of camaraderie and community.

**Philip May** is our **accompanist**, and he has been with us since 2012. He has a Master's degree in Music Performance, and is an experienced accompanist and rehearsal pianist. He works with various music theatre groups and choirs, WNO, Live Music Now, Music in Hospitals and Arts Active. Phil is a musician with a wonderful sense of humour. There is never a dull moment when he is around!

**Committee:** Our choir is run by an elected committee. Emma Drain is our Chairperson, Stephanie Palmer is our choir Secretary and our Treasurer is Sue Pemberton. Other committee members are Carol Bickford (Librarian), Jen Tarr (Church Representative), Paul Perera and Elaine Campbell-Hopkins (Events and tours).

Our AGM takes place in September.

**Subscriptions** currently stand at £30 per term. Subscriptions fall due at the beginning of each term. Subscriptions may be paid by cheque at a rehearsal, or preferably by monthly standing order, rate being £7.50 per month.

Our Bank details are –

Santander Bank, Account Name: Gabalfa Community Choir, Sort Code: 09-01-29, and Account Number: 28649243

**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 <https://gabalfacc.com>

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## Membership Form – Please print clearly, and hand this to our secretary Stephanie.

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