



### The Organ

*'The pipe organ is to be held in high esteem, for it is the traditional musical instrument that adds a wonderful splendour to the Church's ceremonies and powerfully lifts up the Spirit to God and to higher things.'*

*(Sacrosanctum Concilium )*

The musical centrepiece of St Wilfrid's Church is the pipe organ. Originally built by Davis of Liverpool in 1839, much of the original pipework has survived through 3 major re-builds.



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# MUSIC MINISTRY

St Wilfrid's Church  
Preston.

○ come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise to  
the rock of our salvation!  
Psalm 95: 1



THOSE WHO  
SING PRAY  
TWICE. *St. Augustine*



### THE ROLE OF MUSIC

*Music forms an integral part of the solemn liturgy. The treasure of Sacred Music must be preserved and fostered with great care. Choirs must be diligently developed...whenever a liturgical service is celebrated with song, the whole assembly of the faithful is enabled...to contribute to the active participation that rightly belongs to it.*

*At times the choir, within the congregation of the faithful and as part of it, will assume the role of leadership, while at other times it will retain its own distinctive ministry. This means that the choir will lead the people in sung prayer, by alternating or reinforcing the sacred song of the congregation, or by enhancing it.*

*Additional instruments are used at times, for the enhancement of the various liturgical celebrations and as a contribution for the edification of the faithful.'*

*(Sacrosanctum Concilium)*

### OUR MINISTRY

In service to its music ministry, the choir assists at the weekly Sunday 10:15am Celebration of the Eucharist.

A group of parish musicians also provide the music once a month at the 4:30pm Sunday Mass and join with the choir on some occasions.

In addition, choir and musicians serve at Taize, Reconciliation, Advent, Lent, Ecumenical and other liturgies throughout the year.

The choir has sung at Preston Minster in support of Ecumenical Services. It is invited to sing at weddings and 2012 we recorded a CD to celebrate the Guild Year and to raise funds for an orphanage in Zambia. We hope to make a new CD in the near future.

### MEMBERSHIP

There is no audition required of new members, just a commitment to attend regularly for rehearsal and a desire to support the liturgy at St Wilfrid's. There is no restriction on age or musical ability, however enthusiasm is essential!

Currently the choir consists of members from St Wilfrid's parish community and students from the university.

We warmly welcome instrumentalists as well as singers.

### REHEARSALS

We practice weekly, on Thursday evenings from 7:30pm to approximately 9pm.

In order to meet the standard of music which St Wilfrid's Church and its Liturgy deserve, a certain level of commitment is required by attending regular practices.

At times such as Christmas and Holy Week, attendance at additional sessions is required.

*'Music can unveil a dimension of meaning and feeling, a communication of ideas and intuitions which words alone cannot yield.'*

*(Music in Catholic Worship)*



*St Cecilia Pray for Us*