

RADCLIFFE ON TRENT MALE VOICE CHOIR



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Angelic Voices

One of the pleasures that the Radcliffe on Trent Male Voice Choir experience is singing with and listening to the angelic voices of the school choirs that are guests at their December Christmas charity concerts. At the Bingham concert, held in St Mary and All Saints church, the Primary School sang their hearts out and entranced the audience with their performance of Christmas songs. At the Radcliffe on Trent concert, held in St Mary's church, the Junior School choir delighted the audience with a melody of songs from the "Wicked" musical. This performance was the latest in a long line of Christmas collaborations with the Male voice Choir in Radcliffe. Singing with the men, the Bingham and Radcliffe school choirs delivered a hearty rendition of the Christmas classic "Torches". In addition, the Radcliffe Junior School choir joined the Male Voice choir in singing "The Rhythm of Life", a song that can be fiendishly difficult, requiring intense concentration with its overlapping voices and rapid lyrical delivery. Did the Junior School fade or wilt? They did not! They matched the Male Voice Choir word for word, rhythm for rhythm! Not to be outdone by the choirs, both audiences gave hearty renditions of the communal carols.

A guest at both concerts was the award-winning brass band The Blidworth Welfare Band, that in 2019 became the premier brass band in Nottinghamshire following their grading position at the Midlands Regional Championships. With a history going back to the late 19th century mining days, their performance was a mixture of forceful and vibrant pieces, but also light pieces of great delicacy: symphonic highlights from the Disney film "Frozen" and Respighi's "Pines of Rome" to name but two. A Tuba duet of "Frosty the Snowman" was well received and the ever popular "Sneewaltzer", the Snow Waltz, had the audience swaying in their seats (literally) and delivering a musical version of the Mexican Wave.

A serious but positive note to the proceedings was given by a speaker from Juno Women's Aid (the largest domestic abuse organisation in Nottingham), describing the work they do to support families suffering from domestic abuse (and their pets); helping them find safety, rebuild their confidence, and recover from the trauma of that abuse. The Male Voice Choir was particularly pleased that this charity was proposed and endorsed by the members themselves.

People can support Juno here: <https://www.justgiving.com/team/rotmvc> and information about the charity can be obtained from <https://junowomensaid.org.uk> Not only are the proceeds from the two concerts donated to Juno, but of course the audience were generous, with over £800 donated in their bucket collections.

For the latest information on the Radcliffe Male Voice Choir, please go to the website or Facebook on: www.radcliffeontrentmvc.org and : www.facebook.com/ROTMVC