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Fr Sam Rossiter-Peters
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Dear Fr Sam,

I am writing simply to say how much the singing group which I co-ordinate currently known as "Songsters" appreciate being able to hold our monthly rehearsals/get together in St John the Baptist Church.

We have been using your facilities for around 14 years now and feel blessed by the generosity of the church in allowing us to do this. We only ask members for a monthly donation of £1 to cover music costs etc so we would simply not be able to pay the hire costs of some other venues.

We are as you know a small group but I am sure the members would like me to emphasise that coming along to an informal community singing group, such as ours, where nothing is really expected of them, except to enjoy the experience and fellowship with others from the local community, is simply a great joy in their lives.

They would also say that for some, if not all, it has brought about a great improvement in their well-being. A release from stress and the tensions of the day.

We are, I know, just one small group, among many local groups who use the church for musical and cultural events both secular and church related. The work now required to bring the amazing organ up to scratch will only serve to enhance the reputation of the church as a centre of musical excellence and cultural hub for the community.

I wish the church well in your application to NCIL (north council infrastructure levy).

Regards

Laurie Little

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Co-ordinator
Songsters (Community Singing group)

