

In October 2016 a very special concert was held in St Peter's Church. We were fortunate to welcome the Resurrection Choir from St Petersburg. It was the first time we had hosted a choir such as this and there was much preparation to be done. There were hosts to find to give the choir members bed and breakfast, plans to make for rehearsal time, a light tea to provide and an evening meal and arrangements for the choir's requirements on the night!

A very small team worked on these things and it all came together really well. The choir duly arrived and were met at the church and given a light afternoon tea before they rehearsed in readiness for the concert. They were then collected by their hosts who took them to their homes to freshen up and relax for a while.

Then the time came for the concert to begin, 6.30pm prompt. The choir were nine in number, including the leader, Jurij and among their number was a basso profundo - one of only two capable of singing such low notes in St Petersburg! There was no accompaniment but the voices of these people filled the church. The concert comprised two halves, the first of Russian Sacred music and the second of Folk Music – with a couple of surprise pieces too! Refreshments were served in the interval while members of the choir sold some beautiful Russian scarves, dolls, carvings etc.

The concert surpassed all expectations – I am not sure quite what we did expect but it was top quality and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. If you didn't make it – you really missed a treat!

A fantastic evening meal was enjoyed by the choir and their hosts following the concert, after which they were taken back to stay with their hosts before travelling to their next venue the following morning.

The good news is that the choir enjoyed themselves – and the venue and wonderful audience – so much that they asked if we would have them again in 2017. So, the date is set, they are coming back on Tuesday 17th October and will be singing at 6.30pm in St Peter's. Get the date in your diary and watch this space for further details nearer the time!!

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