Music Report 2022

Covid restrictions continued to disrupt the use of music in live worship throughout the year. December 2021 saw us hoping for a return to normality in time for Christmas week. Recorded music supported many online services until masking and other restrictions were gradually eased.

Our small choir maintained offering stalwart support of congregational and Communion music, when permitted, ever ready to meet for Saturday morning practices bolstered by pre-service run throughs. We have welcomed newcomer, Sarah, to our altos. Celia and Dave have continued to spearhead our Youth Band musicians. It was a pleasure and honour to again have Dr Anita Banbury at the organ for the traditional Christmas Eve Midnight Carol service.

After some months persistent problems with several great stops were finally overcome to restore our lovely organ to full capacity, just in time for the RSCM 'Sing your favourite hymns' afternoon. This event, compered by Neil Schroff, Auckland RSCM President, was a well-attended occasion followed by an excellent St Aidan's afternoon tea. We look forward to a repeat singalong. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this happy musical highlight.

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