



MusicShare is a singing outreach project involving Lichfield Cathedral Choristers/Young Singing Leaders supported by a partnership between Lichfield Cathedral School and Lichfield Cathedral and substantially funded by Arts' Council England via The Music Partnership.



**Welcome from the Director, Cathy Lamb** Welcome back to **MusicShare's** third e-newsletter as we re-enter lockdown and all its restrictions. Blended learning and the vagaries of IT systems are causing challenges again, at least schools are open and we are still able to make music albeit in different circumstances.

If you are not familiar with it The MusicShare programme has existed in various forms since 2003 and has worked with over 15,000 children and 100s of schools. The focus of the programme in a nutshell is encouraging everyone to enjoy singing and the many benefits that come with it.

We hope that this newsletter will help steer you in the direction of some exciting resources and opportunities!

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## **A New Christmas song for you - 'Santa Claus is coming down the chimney tonight!'**

We would like to offer you a FREE Christmas song written by **MusicShare** Director Cathy Lamb. This is a simple but fun jazzy Christmas tune with two easy parts that can work alongside one another. Please do feel free to use the full set of resources for this which includes lyric sheet, vocal line sheet music, piano sheet music, performance track and backing track plus a full teaching video. We do hope you enjoy it!

<https://www.lichfieldcathedralschool.com/music-share/461298.html>

### **MusicShare goes virtual**

MusicShare has several FREE virtual offers *with thanks to funding from Arts' Council England via The Music Partnership.*

#### **Early Years Package**

A series of 5 short 10-minute videos, attached to lesson plans, with specially written new songs to aid the development of the modern-day child. Full resources, including backing tracks, song sheets, words on screen will all be available.

#### **KS1 Package and KS2 Package**

A series of videos teaching 5 songs in stages, which can be built into lessons. Songs are tailored to each key stage. Full resources, including backing tracks, lesson plans, song sheets, words on screen will all be available.

#### **KS3 Package**

We are currently working on a series of videos tailored to KS3 on a similar basis to our KS1 and KS2 packages.

**Each series of videos will also include a personalised introductory video for your school and there will be the option to collaborate as part of a virtual choir with two of your songs in the Spring Term.**

Sign up to receive these free resources via [musicshare@lichfieldcathedralschool.com](mailto:musicshare@lichfieldcathedralschool.com)

## Professional Development Opportunities

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 4pm: Teachers' MusicShare Resources Share on Zoom

Cathy Lamb will be sharing some of her favourite repertoire ideas. There is also the opportunity to discuss and share ideas with others, ask advice and generally socialise safely with other teachers (bring your own refreshments). If you are feeling brave – why not bring along a song you would like to share with everyone else? (not essential)

If you would like to sign up for this then please contact [musicshare@lichfieldcathedralschool.com](mailto:musicshare@lichfieldcathedralschool.com)

### Tailor your own singing CPD

If you have any particular CPD needs to do with singing – please let us know as we would be very happy to tailor some free sessions!

## Don't forget that you still need to sing socially distanced:

It still remains clear that a detailed risk assessment should be in place if you are going to undertake any singing activity, taking into account the following mitigating measures:

- social distancing guidelines from the government in place at the time (ultimately it appears clear that at least a 2-metre square between singers is important, whether or not they are in the same bubble)
- the space you are using (ultimately singing outdoors is going to be a lot safer)
- can you work with smaller groups (ultimately there are going to be few spaces where you can accommodate a whole class with social distancing in place)
- ventilation if using an indoor space (keeping windows and doors open is crucial as there does seem to be evidence to suggest that aerosols build up collectively over time)
- singing without the need for printed resources (use a whiteboard if possible or teach by rote)
- if you have somebody leading from the front make sure that they are well away from potential aerosols and (use a screen or wear a visor, stand more than 2-metres away)

## MusicShare Online Singing Sessions via YouTube

Don't forget to check out Entrust & City Music Service's YouTube channels to find a wealth of resources, which include our 10-minute online singing sessions. We are delighted that Sing for Pleasure have given us permission to utilise lots of their resources. If you haven't come across Sing for Pleasure they are a registered charity aiming to encourage people of all ages to enjoy singing and conducting. They deliver excellent programmes and events that develop choral and musicianship skills – they also publish some fantastic resources books for singers of all ages. For further information go to their new website, [www.singforpleasure.org.uk](http://www.singforpleasure.org.uk).

## Brilliant resource for Secondary Schools from The Gabrieli Consort - 'Bach-to-School'

Particularly aimed at secondary schools – this is an amazing new resource exploring the stunning chorales by JS Bach. Full resources are free for schools who sign up – for further information visit <https://www.gabrieli.com/roar/bach-to-school/>.

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**And finally... Enjoy your music making and stay safe.**

*The MusicShare Team*