

BMYC

What do we do?

BMYC travels around the UK visiting Methodist Churches performing concerts and contributing to services. The choir is made up of 16 to 27-year-old Christians, but not exclusively Methodists.



How often do we meet?

BMYC meets for 4-5 weekends a year, each time in a different location. We generally arrive on Friday evening and leave Sunday lunchtime.

Where do we stay?

Most weekends we stay with host families in small groups. Occasionally we have to sleep on the church floor on lilos which gives the weekend a party feel!

How much does it cost?

Each weekend costs £10 but accommodation is free, food is provided and travel expenses are refunded—it is cheaper than staying at home! Plus your first weekend is free so why not come along and see for yourselves?



Do I have to audition?

BMYC is a non-auditioning choir but members do generally have some singing experience. Sight-singing is a bonus but enthusiasm is more important.

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How many members are there?

We currently have around 30 regular members, although only 15-20 typically attend any one weekend.

A Mission in Song

Although not all the music we sing is sacred, it is great to be in a choir where you meet like-minded people who sing the words with feeling and passion. Performances are often very joyful or moving.



What kind of music do you sing?

A whole variety from madrigals to new arrangements written specially for the choir. An example of pieces from the last concert programme include:

The Lord's Prayer - A. Thompson (previous musical director)

If ye love me—T. Tallis

The Blue Bird - C. V. Stanford

Lennon & McCartney Medley

Blue Moon—R Rodgers

O Jesus I have promised—H Cottrell (current musical director)

A TYPICAL WEEKEND

Friday Evening - I

arrived

in a bit of a rush

but it was

great to see

everyone again.

After a jacket

potato and some

cake I was ready to sing through a couple of

songs, including a new arrangement written by

the musical director. We

met our host families who



were really friendly and went straight to sleep.

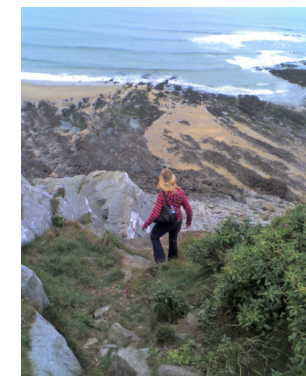


Saturday Morning - *This morning there was lots to get through*

but I thought it was a great programme with plenty of variety. There were a couple of tricky new pieces and some old favourites which it was great to sing again.

Saturday Afternoon -

We went for an adventure—scrambling over the cliffs near the sea in the blazing sunshine. Having managed not to get cut off by the tide we went back to the church for a quick run-through.



A TYPICAL WEEKEND

Saturday Evening - Most of the church turned up for a bring and share dinner before the concert.



The concert went really well and I am still feeling a buzz. The audience loved it and it was great to share in this joyful occasion together. Off for a celebratory drink...

Sunday Morning - We joined in with the morning service, singing a couple of pieces. We had lunch together, said farewell and then began our journeys home. I'm looking forward to next weekend already...

TASTER WEEKEND

If you like the sound of any of the above, why not come along on our taster weekend. This weekend is shaped to welcome new members with a greater emphasis of socialising and a reduced singing schedule. Put the date in your diary now:

**Friday 29th August -
Sunday 31st August**

E-mail

membership@bmyc.info
for more information about
this weekend.



CONTACT US

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We look forward to meeting you soon.

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FUTURE DATES

Friday 29th - Sunday 31st August 2008
Taster Weekend in York

Friday 17th - Sunday 19th October 2008
Grove Methodist Church, Leeds

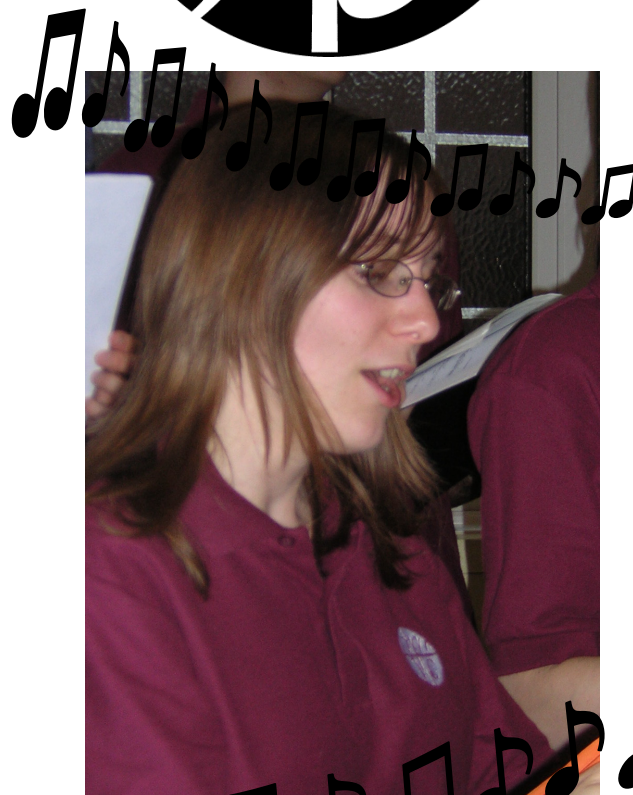
Friday 27th - Sunday 29th March 2009
Aberystwyth, Wales

Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th May 2009
Tewkesbury Methodist Church

July 2009
BMYC Cornwall Tour

Friday 9th - Sunday 11th October 2009
Banbury Methodist Church

BMYC is affiliated to the Methodist Church Music Society and is recognised by the Methodist Conference.



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