



Wedding in York Minster

On Thursday 30th September 2021, just over 18 months since the last time the choir had sung for an event, a small number of singers, under the leadership of Stuart Nettleship sang for the wedding of Sam and Sarah in the wonderful venue of York minster.

The quire in York Minster is a wonderful place for a wedding, and the acoustic, although fabulous, does take a bit of getting used to, but after just one rehearsal in the Minster the choir managed the space well, and added to the joyous occasion. After warming up with the first movement from Vivaldi's Gloria the choir then sang Wagner's well-known Bridal March from Lohengrin as the Bride made her entrance.

The couple had chosen two traditional hymns and the choir took the lead in the singing of Love divine and Lord of all hopefulness.

Finally, during the signing of the register the choir welcomed back Sue Ford as the nerveless and immaculately tuneful soloist in Stuart's arrangement of Amazing Grace. This was particularly effective in the Minster acoustic; the first verse was a beautiful unaccompanied solo, followed by a second verse with just the choir accompanying, then in parts, with organ, followed by a very spirited gospel like verse, before the spiritual final verse.

It is a great privilege to be invited to sing at a wedding and a great privilege to sing at York Minster. What a wonderful way to get back into singing for events after such a long break.