

**ADULT MUSIC
CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Taylor Sparks
Director of Music**

In the year 2021, Adult Music was budgeted \$3,780.75 and the Children's Choir was budgeted \$125.00. As of December 2021, a majority of the Adult Music budget had been utilized and a portion of the Children's Choir budget remains.

During the year 2021, the budget money for Adult Music was used for the following:

- Hiring local, professional musicians
- Music supply company subscriptions
- Continuing education via the Association of Anglican Musicians membership for
- Taylor and via the Mississippi Conference on Church Music and Liturgy for Taylor and Debra
- Organizational supplies and binders for the handbell choir

With this budgeted money, the Adult Choir was able to provide stellar in-person and digital musical performances, obtain new music selections by way of subscriptions, and continue adapting to the ever-changing climate provided by the COVID-19 pandemic, and hire a new organist for the parish.

As opposed to the program year 2020, 2021 was full of many music opportunities for the choir. These opportunities included a full choir throughout the summer, a large contingent of representatives at the reduced-size MCCML conference, the return of in-person Wednesday night rehearsals, the creation of a handbell choir, an Advent Lessons and Carols service, and two services on Christmas Eve with special music.

Another positive formation during the year 2021 was the return of the Children's Choir. On average, there were approximately eight (8) children present for Wednesday night rehearsals that occurred from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. I attribute a large part of the Children's Choir's success to its inclusion in Vacation Bible School activities, as well as the dedicated group of children and their parents.

It is my goal to continue the well-established musical traditions at All Saints' despite the challenges that continue to present themselves. With our budgeted funds, we will continue to provide a parish-wide presence for All Saints' in both adult and children's music, and we will create and maintain this same excitement within our programs for the year 2022.