

ADULT and CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Taylor Sparks, Choirmaster

In the year 2022, Adult Music was budgeted \$6,000 and Children's Choir was budgeted \$250. As of December 2022, a majority of the Adult Music budget had been utilized, with approximately \$1,000 remaining. As of December 2022, none of the Children's Choir budget had been utilized. During the year 2022, 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.
- New musical pieces for the Adult 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 sheet music purchases, and continue adapting to the ever-changing atmosphere we are all experiencing post-pandemic. Program year 2022 was full of many music opportunities for the choir. These opportunities included a full choir throughout the program year, a large contingent of representatives at the MCCML conference, Wednesday night rehearsals, an Advent Lessons and Carols service, and two services on Christmas Eve with special music provided by paid singers. Although none of the funds for the Children's Choir were spent, the All Saints' Children's Choir was still a vibrant and active program for our parish's young people. The choir met during the Parish Potluck evenings prior to Catechesis. The children prepared for a performance on Sunday, October 9, 2022, at the 10:45am service. It is my goal to continue the well-established musical traditions at All Saints'. 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 2023.