

MUSIC MINISTRY~ January - December. 2020

It has been 2 ½ years that I have been the Music Director at Christ Church Bolton and this year we have made some wonderful achievements.

This has been a very trying year to say the least. We were able to provide music and song for Eucharist to March 14, 2020 when the world came to a standstill and we were all shut in and in lockdown due to the pandemic which we are still facing today.

However we had some great celebrations up to that day. On "Pancake" Tuesday there was wonderful supper arranged and the Band ESCAPADE came out to perform live music for the night. People danced and all enjoyed a night of festivities as we welcomed Lent

Music was provided during the year for our dear Friend Michelle's ordination Service on March 1, 2020 in Brampton at Christ Church where our two choirs came together in song accompanied by Christopher Dawes on the organ. It was truly a glorious celebration

Lent brought us a time of reflection and as soon as it started, we had to shut ourselves in with the news of COVID 19 and the seriousness surrounding the disease. Fasting and penance became our real event as we walked with Christ for forty days. As we approached Easter it became apparent that the spiritual celebrations and church were not going to happen. Easter came and we celebrated with our bubble all the while praying that we would be safe from the disease as we watched countless people lost their lives globally and in our own circle of friends.

We were back in church in May in a limited capacity and the smiles of parishioner friends were welcomed by masks and sanitizer. There was a dark cloud over us and it wasn't going away anytime soon. But, we practiced safe distancing and followed all the protocols

In September the Music Ministry was able to provide music for the Memorial service of Hectorine Villanovich and Dorothy Stewart. Only a limited number of people were allowed in the church, however the weather cooperated and we were able to arrange outside seating in the church parking lot with a speaker system.

Preparations for Christmas initiated in November and Advent quietly arrived to ring in with the glory of Christmas. Music was somewhat reintroduced as Angela van Breemen our resident soprano provided wonderful vocals for the

Christmas Eve Celebration, and yours truly assisted at the earlier service of the Eucharist with Incense and recorded choral music.

We truly missed the Carol Service, The Pageant, and the wonderful traditions this church community always brought during this festive time. One can only pray that we can get back to that normal soon.

Our music ministry is still working in providing song for the Eucharist service and praying that we can come together as a choir soon. I miss all of the members and hope we can celebrate Eucharist as a church community in person once again.

I will continue to pray for all of us and for the passing of this disease. I pray often for those who are shut in, the elderly, and those who are divided with their families. I for one pray that we can be reunited, together, as one church family.

Thanking you, I remain,
Sincerely,

Bruno Zuccato, Music Director