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Phil Wilson's Cathedral Life

Phil arriving late for a choir practice



L-R: Phil, Adam Crewe, Alec Stuttard, James Prowse, Stewart Hopkinson

Phil as a choir Prefect in 1962 in Blackburn Cathedral Choir during the last 2 years of T. L. Duerden's Mastership (1939-64).



Phil as a teenager in the 2nd year of JB's tenure (1964-82)

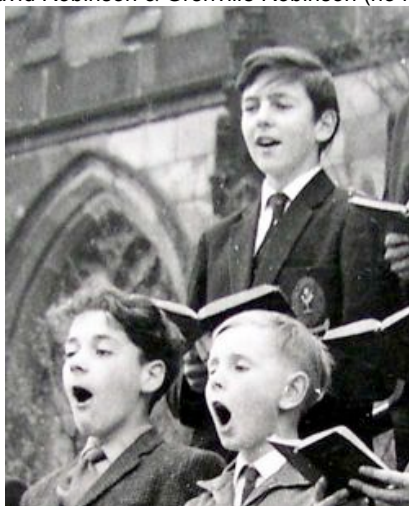
Phil with his best friend, Stewart Hopkinson and Sue Hopkinson, in the cathedral crypt 2001



Phil reciting at the Christmas Spectacular 17.12.2005
(It was about the Duke of Wellington and a Christmas pudding – He recited all 18 verses from memory in broad Lancashire!)



Phil In close-up from the above photo with David Robinson & Grenville Robinson (no relation)



It was Christmas Day in the trenches
In Spain in Peninsular War,
And Sam Small were cleaning his musket
A thing as he'd ne're done before.

Phil succeeds Emily Crewe as Senior Old Chorister 18.09.2010



Phil as SOC hands a farewell present to James Tanner (for the Tanners were about to move to London) with Dean Christopher Armstrong and Canon Andrew Hindley



BBCTV Songs of Praise, 20 March 2011



Tom Stockwell, Michael Carr, Phil, Andrew Orr

SOC Phil at the 2011 BCOCA Reunion celebrates JB's 80th birthday



Phil's speech at the 2011 OCs' Reunion at Whalley Abbey



Phil reads the first lesson at the Sunday morning Eucharist Old Choristers' Reunion, 19.09.2010



Phil as Senior Old Chorister 11 March 2011 with the Revd Ian Hollin & John Bertalot, preparing the service for our BCOCA Annual Reunion, held this year at Whalley Abbey.



*(See the last page for the hymn tune for **When, in our music God is glorified** composed especially for Phil for this occasion – to be sung unaccompanied)*

Phil's Cathedral Bookstall 2012 which regularly raised hundreds of pounds for the cathedral choirs and *Music & More*.



With young Karel



With slightly older Karel for the visit to Blackburn Cathedral, on 10th May 2014, of members of the National Federation of Cathedral Old Choristers



With Stewart Hopkinson, BBC live TV, Pentecost Sunday 2013



who were welcomed by the BCCA Committee (L-R) John Bertalot, Stewart Hopkinson, John Marr, Stephen Holmes, Phil & Karel, Eric Bancroft, the Revd Ian Hollin and Allan Holden. (Most of this photo was taken by Karel!)

Phil enjoying to the full the July 2013 *Last Night of the Proms*



Land of Hope and Glory!

Some of the very many friends of Phil who celebrated his life for many hours at the Alexandra Inn after Phil's funeral



L-R Joyce Wicks, Helen Davies, Andrew Hindley, Organ Scholar Joseph O'Berry, Richard Tanner, Tom Stockwell (Lincoln Cathedral) & Russell Steele.

WHEN, IN OUR MUSIC, GOD IS GLORIFIED (F. Pratt Green, 1903-2000) **Music by John Bertalot**

1. When, in our mu - sic, God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - or - a - tion leaves no
Verses 1 & 2 unison (2). mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di - men - sion in the
 (3). church, in li - tur - gy and song, in faith and love, through cen - tu -
 (4). Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most e - vil strove a -
 (5). in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! Let all re - joice who have a

From verse. 3 Canonic 3. So has the church, in li - tur - gy and song, in faith and
 4. And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
 5. Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! Let all re -

Verse 5: a few singers sing 'Alleluia' 5. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -

room for pride, it is as though the whole cre - a - tion
 world of sound, as wor - ship mov'd us to a more pro -
 ries of wrong, borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - 'ry
 against the Light? Then let us sing, for whom he won the
 voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing al -

love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness to the truth in
 e - vil strove a - gainst the Light? Then let us sing, for whom he
 joice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to

ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

cried: Al - le - lu - ia! 2. How of - ten,
 found Al - le - lu - ia! 3. So has the
 tongue: Al - le - lu - ia! 4. And did not
 fight: Al - le - lu - ia! 5. Let ev - 'ry
 ways: Al - le - lu - ia! Last time, sustain for 2 bars

ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
 won the fight: Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing al - ways: Al - le - lu - ia! Last time, sustain on an 'A'

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Composed
 in Canon
 for
Philip Wilson,
 my first
 Head Chorister,
 Blackburn
 Cathedral,
 September 1964;
 and now
 outgoing Senior
 Old Chorister,
 Blackburn
 Cathedral
 Old Choristers'
 Association,
 September 2011