

CHOIR RULES

The rules are taken from the Minute Book of the Choir at Nottingham Road, Loughborough Primitive Methodist Church. These rules were written on the first page of the book. The first meeting recorded in the book was held on January 27th, 1920.

Nottingham Road was one of the Methodist Churches that combined in 1975 to form Trinity Methodist Church Centre, Loughborough. The Minute Book continued to be used until the 1970s and in 2015 lives in the Trinity organists cupboard where I found it by chance when looking for a tune we had not used for a long time.

1. Members of the choir must attend regularly (sic) and punctually the Sunday Service and week night practice unless prevented by illness or other lawful cause
2. In the event of any members being absent two weeks without giving a sufficient reason the members shall be visited by the (Sec) after which visit the member not attend for two more weeks without giving sufficient reason for such absent the choir shall be entitled to fill up such vacancies (sic)
3. The practice meetings to be held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 prompt, the registrar shall register the attendance of members every Sunday and @ each practice.
4. Each member to be in their (sic) place two minutes before service.
5. Members are desired not to occupy seats in other parts of the chapel except duties or illness demand it.
6. The position of the members to be decided by the Choir Leader but as a rule new members shall take the lowest seat of the Choir allotted to their respective parts.
7. No one can be admitted as a member of the choir before having been duly elected by the Choir
8. The committee to consist of the Leader, Organist, Treasurer, Secretary and others whose duties shall be to select music and manage the choir, should difficulty arise the members shall be consulted and if necessary the difficulty shall be referred to the leaders meeting whose decision shall be binding.
9. The yearly meeting shall be held in January to elect (committee members), hear a statement of accounts, at which meeting the rules shall be read over.
10. Members wishing to borrow Choir music must ask permission of the Music Steward.

The people involved with the 1920 Choir AGM were:

Chairman:

Mr Sills

Present:

Misses - Cripps, Lacey, Smith, Dexter, Eva Dexter, Gould, Clarke, T
Lawley, Moore, M.Moore

Messrs - J Brooks, Sills, Cripps, Hallam

Officers elected:

Mr J Brooks	Choirmaster
Mr C Lacey	Assistant Choirmaster
Miss E Cripps	Organist
Mr G Hallam	Secretary
Mr A Sills	Treasurer
Miss T Lawley	Book Steward
Miss Dexter	Contributions collector
Miss I Clarke	Attendance Recorded
Mr A.O. Ellis	Outing Fund Treasurer

Choir Committee to be composed of:

Miss Lacey, Mr P Cripps, Mr Bexon, Miss Bowley, and officers