

## CHOIR REPORT – 2010/11

“Sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, praise His name;  
Proclaim His salvation day after day.”

(Psalm 1:1,2)

The Choir of Church of The Good Shepherd became activated towards the end of the year, with practice and preparation to lead the Sung Service, which we began in October 2010. The Sung Service, to the tune of ‘ad lum’ received a mixed reaction from the congregation, but we decided to persevere and hold the Sung Service every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, especially as we have been blessed with the wonderful vocal talents of Fr. Charles to lead the Service. This practice had been carried on to the present, with the Sung Service beginning at the time of preparation for Holy Eucharist. As the congregation familiarises itself with the tunes, we hope to have the whole service in sung form in the near future.

The choir got together in earnest to practice for the Carol Service, held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2010, which went off well, with a combination of choral and congregational hymns and carols. The Tamil Congregation choir joined us on this occasion as well.

This year started off on a quiet note for the choir, but, thanks and praise to God, we were able to come together once again at Easter time, with the choir performing two special items at the Easter Sunday service.

I would like to thank these members of the choir who have taken the time to attend practices, and urge the members to make every effort to join together and attend practices, so that we can continue to make a meaningful contribution to church worship. We are also glad to have Daphne Charles back with us, as a member of the choir and assistant organist. Thanks to Erin de Silva who accompanies the choir and plays the organ at Sunday service.

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