



## Cornerstone University Chorale & Credo Hallelujah UK Tour, May 2025

### Reflections from Hosts & Friends

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*Magnify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together (Ps 34:3).*

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It was my very greatest pleasure and joy to meet Cornerstone University Chorale at St Mildred's Church, Addiscombe. As soon as the choir started rehearsing for the concert, I knew we were all in for a real treat. I have worked with many choirs all across the globe and I can say hand on heart, this choir is one of the very best. Why? Fully committed singers and singing, understanding both the complexities and intricacies of choral music, a deep and sincere appreciation of the text and portraying to the audience what is being said through music, spectacular presentation of the music through exceptional phrasing, tuning and ensemble and all from memory, allowing the conductor to fully engage with every singer and the choir as a whole. It was my true joy to conduct this choir and to present "[Do Not Be Afraid](#)" and "Collect for the Votive Mass Of Priests" in performances that will stay with me for a very long time. Hearing one's compositions sung to this level is such a joy. I can't wait to work with Kent and the choir at some point in the future as, together, we spread the glory of God throughout the world. Very best wishes to you all.



*Philip Stopford, composer*



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We were delighted to welcome the Cornerstone University Chorale and Credo to give a concert in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick, Northern Ireland. I was very pleased to meet their Director Dr. Kent Walters and other members of the team on tour and the students who were so friendly and knowledgeable. I can truly say that we had a wonderful evening of music making from the opening "Lobe den Herren" to the final

“Irish Blessing”. What a superb sound with a great dynamic range, impeccable intonation, and a splendid sense of all the various musical styles! The soloists were excellent in all departments and the complete performance was given *a cappella*. Well done! The members of the audience were very complimentary afterwards. Dr. Walters gave some very interesting and informed words in between the songs and delivered the message of the Gospel most sincerely. A huge, heartfelt thank you to everyone involved. Keep up your tremendous work and best wishes to you all for the future.

*Michael McCracken, Director of Music  
Down Cathedral, Downpatrick, Northern Ireland*



It was so good to see Dr. Kent Walters and the Cornerstone University Chorale in Edinburgh, Scotland, during their UK tour. Attending the concert in St Giles' Cathedral was a profound joy. The Chorale and Credo sounded so wonderful, and I felt (still feel) so blessed to hear and see them sing. I am sure everyone present felt the same way. I have not heard such beautiful live singing in a long time. You all made it worth my while to travel from Liverpool to see you, and I am so glad I did! Kudos to you for your wonderful leadership, and bravo to all the choristers for their hard work and dedication. Thank you all for spending the time and resources to travel so many miles over the Atlantic to come and bless our souls with your gifts. I rate you 100%. I sincerely hope that you will come again soon. May the good Lord bless you.

*Rev. Zac Adeleye, pastor  
Serpentine Road Family Church, Wallasey, UK*



We were delighted, and our souls were lifted by the Cornerstone Chorale ministry at Betania Church, Dublin. We really appreciate the passion and dedication of all the students. Their voices and hearts reflect their love for Christ and desire to spread the good news through music. May the Lord keep you and shine his face on you Cornerstone Chorale! Many thanks for sharing the word of God with Betania Church. Please find the [ink to the live service](#) from Betania Church.

*Pastor Avram Hădărău  
Betania Church, Dublin*



We loved welcoming the Cornerstone University Chorale to Christ Church and it was a joy to share hospitality, worship, and music together! The Chorale threw themselves wholeheartedly into singing Choral Evensong with our own choir and it was particularly inspiring to see the Chorale singing (sometimes without music!) with such professionalism, commitment, and enthusiasm. Thank you for including us in your busy schedule and we hope to be able to welcome you to Edinburgh again in the future.

*Rev. Canon Matthew Rushton, rector  
Christ Church Morningside, Edinburgh*





It was a real joy and privilege to welcome the CU Chorale to St Mildred's. We are a church blessed with a rich musical tradition but nothing quite prepared us for the experience of hearing the Chorale. We were, quite simply, blown away. From the very first note, their singing lifted our hearts and drew us into the presence of God. With each piece, they brought the sacred Word of God alive in a way that was profoundly moving. Their music wasn't just technically excellent—it was prayerful, reverent, and filled with joy. At times it felt as though earth and heaven were meeting in the harmonies, as if we were being invited into the eternal song of praise that surrounds the throne of God.

The blessing of their visit went far beyond the music. It was also a gift to meet the students. There was something quietly powerful about their witness—the way they carried themselves, their

openness in conversation, and their obvious love for Jesus. It's easy to become discouraged about the future of the Church, but meeting these young Christians was a beautiful reminder that God is at work in every generation. Their faith is both admirable and humbling. Their visit was a moment of real grace for our parish. I know many in the congregation are still talking about it, and I suspect we will be for quite some time. We are so thankful for their ministry, and we pray that God will continue to use them to inspire others, just as they inspired us.

*Fr. Neil Brunskill, vicar  
St. Mildred's Church, Croydon (South London)*



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