

# BIG JUBILEE SING



## A GUIDE TO GETTING INVOLVED

Here's how you, or your group can get involved and be part of the Big Jubilee Sing, of 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven!'. The first step is to sign-up, at [nmcgb.org/jubilee](http://nmcgb.org/jubilee)

### INDIVIDUALS

Individuals can take part by sending in videos of themselves singing. A unison version is available, while if you fancy getting involved with the SATB version, you can sign-up at [nmcgb.org](http://nmcgb.org)

### CHURCH CONGREGATIONS

Church congregations are invited to join. You will find a video suitable for use in services & worship which you could include in a service between the 24th April and 15th May 2022. As your permissions allows, you can then simply film your congregation singing the hymn along to the provided worship video. See overleaf for more details on 'how to film - groups'.

### SCHOOLS

Schools are so welcome to get involved. Junior schools (KS2, age 7-11) will find the unison music in the resource pack, and a video to use in rehearsal and for your performance. Secondary schools can choose whether they would like to record the unison version (see Primary resources), or the harmony setting (see Choir resources). If you prefer the harmony version, but don't have all the parts, or find a section too challenging, you are welcome to adapt the arrangement to make it work for you. See overleaf for more details on 'how to film - groups'.

### CHOIRS

Now we are able to sing together in person, let's celebrate that, and film and record us singing together – in a virtual massed choir of choirs! Simply rehearse with your choir, and when ready, perform with the backing track of Gerard Brooks at the organ at Methodist Central Hall Westminster. Your singers can access rehearsal tracks - all the details are in the resources pack. You might like to perform informally in your usual rehearsal layout, or perhaps you'd prefer to wear your choir uniform and present it more formally. Whichever works for you is great. See overleaf for more details on 'how to film - groups'.

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## HOW TO FILM - GROUPS

There are a few things which make for a great video. Light, action & sound.

**Light.** It's good to ensure you are well lit in the venue you are performing in. As much as possible, try to avoid bright lights - like a window on a sunny day - directly behind the singers. We know it's not always possible, but if you can, that will help it look great.

**Action.** You can film on a phone, or camcorder. It needn't be too fancy, but if you have someone in your group with access to a good camcorder or a good phone camera, why not invite them to film. Please record in landscape (like the picture below), and try and keep the camera steady. You needn't bring out your inner Spielberg with panning and zooming, just a simple fixed position is fine. And finally - it's all about the faces! The great joy of watching singers is seeing people's faces express the text & music. So, ensure we can see as many people's faces as possible.

**Sound.** We'd love to hear you well. If you only have access to a phone that is completely fine - just make sure your finger isn't over the mic, and try to hold it steady so that we don't hear lots of *creaks* of camera movement. If you have access to a sound recording device, feel free to send a separate audio file with the video (of the same take/recording).

And most importantly, enjoy the process!



## VIDEO PERMISSIONS

We simply ask that you have the relevant video permissions from participants, as is appropriate in your setting. When you upload, you will be asked to confirm that you have those permissions in place. The video will be published on YouTube, and may be made available on social media platforms and shared with media companies (e.g. regional news). Images & sound from the video may be used in publicity by NMCGB.

## SIGN-UP

Simply sign up at [nmcgb.org/jubilee](http://nmcgb.org/jubilee)

## SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Rehearsal videos are available now at [nmcgb.org/jubilee](http://nmcgb.org/jubilee)

The final recording accompaniment will be available on Monday 24th April.

**Please upload your video by Monday 16th May.**