

## Giving depth to short lives

Ella's Choir is a community fundraising choir which started in September 2017 to raise funds for the charity React, based in the London borough of Richmond-upon-Thames.

The money we raise helps to improve the comfort, dignity and quality of life for seriously ill children. It is wonderful knowing that our singing makes a lasting difference to these children.

We raise funds through weekly subscriptions from our devoted members and also perform in concerts and showcases. We are also available for private hire! In December 2017, we performed at The Ivy Café raising £750 for React. We were also privileged to have the fabulous Elio Pace accompany Ella's Choir on the piano!

There are several reasons why conductor Helen from The Helen Astrid Singing Academy, chose to support React, "I was staggered by the kindness of the staff in the office. It's also a coincidence that the premises lie where my former primary school, St Luke's, was located. Also I don't have any children of my own so this is a way for me to give back to society doing something worthwhile for a fantastic cause.

Ella's Choir meets every Thursday evening at Jack and Jill Nursery School, 20 First Cross Road, Twickenham, TW2 5QA at 7.00-8.30pm. No former experience or ability to read music is required, just a willingness to give it a go and enjoy a good sing.


Our songs range from popular classics, gospel, folk, classical and show tunes. We learn some fabulous harmonies and offer solos to our members. Music and lyrics are provided each week.

At the end of each term, we have a social get-together in the local pub or pizza restaurant. It's always lots of fun and many lovely friendships have been made.

Come for a free taster session!

Drop Helen a line [helen@thehelenastridsingingacademy.com](mailto:helen@thehelenastridsingingacademy.com) or call 07710 245 904

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

 @Ellaschoir

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