

# VIVACE

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## Happy New Year!

1. We have had very positive feedback from our concert in December and we managed to make a profit! So thanks again for your singing and for the support of family and friends. It made such a difference that so many people helped out before and after the performance; we couldn't believe that we were packed up within half an hour thanks to your help.
2. We start back on 6<sup>th</sup> January for our first rehearsal of 2010, don't forget your subs!
3. We will be singing Vivaldi's Gloria at Pirton Church at 7.30 pm on 6<sup>th</sup> March.
4. You can buy a rehearsal recording of the Gloria from Choraline (Music Dynamics) at £9.50 for a CD or £7.50 for a tape. [www.musicdynamics.co.uk](http://www.musicdynamics.co.uk)
5. As there are comparatively few weeks to practise we are very pleased that James Mainwaring has agreed to provide about half a concert (30-40 minutes). James is a friend of Philip's (Isla's husband) and fellow West End musician, currently engaged on Billy Elliot but with many other credits to his name. He is a wind player (principally clarinet and saxophone) and so is likely to programme something a little more jazzy than the Gloria! James lives in Hitchin and enjoys putting together informal concerts at St Mark's Church, where his wife is the vicar - he also comes with a loyal following from the St Mark's congregation so we should get a few new audience members (and maybe even singers!).
6. We hope you will all be able to come to most of our rehearsals. John will not be able to be there for some of them so we are pleased to welcome back Trevor.
7. We have heard from the Charity Commission that our application has been successful but as there is a backlog it will be a few weeks before we receive our paperwork including the charity number.
8. Thanks to Fiona for taking on assistant librarian duties. Thanks to you all for returning your scores so promptly.
9. We have also joined 'Making Music' and have obtained insurance through their membership scheme. [www.makingmusic.org.uk](http://www.makingmusic.org.uk)



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Please pay promptly.