



On Christmas Eve at 4 p.m. in St. Martin's Church there will be a Crib Service which is usually attended by 250-300 people. This year we are offering the chance for people to play or sing a Christmas song during this service. They can do this as a soloist, a duet, or part of a group/choir. There will be spaces for up to four songs to be sung or played in the service. These songs will be part of Christian worship, so songs that do not relate to the birth of Christ would be unsuitable, e.g. Jingle Bells, When Santa got stuck up the chimney, etc. This does not mean that songs have to be traditional Carols.

Auditions will take place on Wednesday

18th November in St. Martin's Church, as this is the place where the service will take place. There will be no nasty judges, no negative comments, and no feedback other than polite encouragement will be given. There will be two sessions, from 4 - 5.30 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. If these are over-subscribed we will have additional auditions on Wednesday 25th November. This event is intended for people who live in Knebworth or attend Knebworth school.

Each person will have 6 minutes to set up, perform their song/music, and vacate the stage. The time slots will be allocated and publicised by email and on the web site. There will be a P.A. System set up with two microphones. Those who are singing can sing unaccompanied, provide their own backing track by bringing it on their own .mp3 player which can be plugged into the P.A. system, or by bring a pianist who can play our piano. People will only be allowed to move into, out of, or around the church when there is no-one singing/playing. Videoing of the songs may take place to help the panel decide who to pick, but these will not be for public viewing and will be wiped after the decisions have been made. The panel's decision will be final with no correspondence or discussion about the choices. Those who are chosen may not necessarily be the best technically or musically as other factors may be taken into account, such as their age and the song they have chosen.

St. Martin's Church has a Child Protection Policy and is committed to caring for and safeguarding children. However, we will not be able to provide care and protection for individual children because of the nature of this event. Parents or guardians will have to watch the children who are in their care, and no unaccompanied children under 14 years old will be allowed in.

Name of person/group.....Age(s).....

Proposed piece of music/song.....

(Parent/Guardian's) name and address.....

Telephone

Email (our preferred way of communicating with you).....

Preferred slot, please tick preference(s): 4 -5.30 p.m. 7 - 8 p.m. 8 -9 p.m.

Please complete and post in the box near the entrance in St. Martin's Church or go to www.xmasfactor.info , download and fill in the .doc application and send it to jim@jimpye.plus.com