



Bright Sparks Music and Drama Club

The Club is run within the chapel under the direction of Hilary Daniel B A (Open), Dip Mus, ALCM, PGCE and her team of 9 regular helpers. We currently have 28 members aged from 7 – 14.

The Club has very clear aims:

enabling young people to enjoy

- Learning general acting and speaking skills
- Developing singing and musical skills
- Planning and rehearsing for performances
- Performing for audiences

We aim to develop long-term skills that are valuable in a range of contexts e.g. oral language skills at GCSE, job interviews, making great presentations at school or work. Building confidence is at the core of what we seek to do.

We are open-access, we don't audition to join and we charge £1 per week to ensure money is never a barrier to participation.

As usual, we have had a busy year. In May 2023 we delivered three performances of Matilda the Musical. Matilda is a major production, requiring a long rehearsal cycle, with equal amounts of singing, dancing and acting. It was a great success with three full houses.

Matilda was the first time we had used our 8 new headset microphones and receiver set. We are very grateful indeed to Week St Mary Parish Council for the grant of £800 from the Community Benefit Fund that enabled us to invest in this equipment. Headset microphones are essential equipment for modern musical productions.



We were delighted also to sing two of the numbers from Matilda as part of the King's Coronation celebrations at the Parish Hall.

In November 2023 we performed Robin Hood – A Right Pantomime, written by Peter Daniel, again to three full houses. This was particularly an opportunity for the youngsters to develop acting skills.

Over Christmas the Bright Sparks youngsters led our all-age worship at the Chapel on the theme of “Do they know it’s

Christmas.” A very different performance experience, including compering, that the youngsters enthusiastically embraced. The service included our first puppet production with our new puppets. We are grateful to Cornwall Community Foundation who provided a grant towards our puppet set and microphones.

We are now in full rehearsal for our 2024 programme:

- a Variety Show on Fri 14th June and Sat 15th June at 6.30pm and
- Shrek the Musical on Sat 12 October at 6.30pm, Sunday 13 October at 3pm and Saturday 19 October at 6.30pm.

Please save the dates.

As part of our preparation, we took all our youngsters to see a performance of Shrek the Musical Jnr by Launceson Youth Theatre before Easter.



Bright Sparks would like to thank you to all our helpers, supporters and audiences, without whom none of this would be possible. Thank you one and all.