




Bedford Messiah Choir

A History of Fundraising

The very first performance of Messiah in Dublin was in aid of charity, and this is a tradition which we are proud and privileged to continue. Each year the committee selects a different local charity, and in recent years, thanks particularly to local sponsorship and loyal audiences, we have been able to present well over £1000 to our chosen charity. The amounts that we are able to donate rely heavily on the proceeds of ticket sales, whilst the cost of staging the performance is largely covered by sponsorship. *The table below shows our fundraising history over the last 20 years.*

2019	Companions Real Bread CIC		£2180.93
2018	Tibbs Dementia Foundation		£1868.63
2017	Bedford Hospitals Charity		£2130.13
2016	The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation		£1464.56
2015	SENSE – for deaf / blind people		£1306.54
2014	Prebend Day Centre		£1528.63
2013.	Emmaus Village Carlton		£1941.54
2012	Breast Cancer Care		£2301.75

2011	Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research	 <p>LEUKAEMIA & LYMPHOMA RESEARCH Beating Blood Cancers</p>	£1682.50
2010	East Anglian Air Ambulance	 <p>10 East Anglian Air Ambulance 10th Anniversary 2000-2010</p>	£1881.60
2009	Alzheimer's Society Bedfordshire	 <p>Alzheimer's Society Leading the fight against dementia</p>	£1521.00
2008	Keech Cottage Children's Hospice	 <p>Keech Cottage Children's Hospice</p>	£1348.00
2007	Bedford Citizens Advice Bureau	 <p>citizens advice bureau</p>	£1000.00
2006	Motor Neurone Disease Association	 <p>MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION</p>	£1400.00
2005	Marie Curie Cancer Care	 <p>Marie Curie Cancer Care Beating the battle</p>	£1365.00
2004	Spurgeon's Young Carers	 <p>Spurgeon's child care Working with children, young people and families</p>	£1300.00
2003	Sight Concern Bedfordshire		£1300.00
2002	Arthritis Research Campaign	 <p>arc 0870 850 5000 www.arc.org.uk Committed to curing arthritis</p>	£1600.00
2001	Home Farm Trust, Shefford	 <p>HFT The Home Farm Trust Bedfordshire Appeal</p>	£1200.00

2000	MS Therapy Centre Barkers Lane	 <p>Multiple Sclerosis National Therapy Centres</p>	£1000.00
1999	Sue Ryder Hospice - St Johns Moggerhanger	 <p>Sue Ryder Care</p>	£ 700.00