

# Concert Report

## Standing room only at St Mary's Church, Brighstone

St Mary's Church, Brighstone, welcomed The Phoenix Choir for their concert on Saturday 1st June. In addition to being a place of worship, St Mary's also provides one of the main venues for the annual island Christmas Tree Festival. For the last 3 years those concerned have been working tirelessly to raise the funds needed for the extensive and long needed repairs to the Church roof, funds which we are told are now tantalisingly close to being achieved.

Despite the balmy Summer evening where outside pursuits called, the attendance was such that there was standing room only left inside the Church! The audience were entertained with a wide variety of easy listening songs including some from films; "E piu te penso" (The More I think of You) from "Once upon a time in America", "My Heart will go on" from "Titanic", a short medley from "The Godfather" and "Let the River Run" from "Working Girl", and some songs from the shows; "Memory" from "Cats", "Love Changes Everything" from "Aspects of Love" plus many more. Soloists were Elizabeth Habens singing "Oh My Beloved Father" in Italian, Paul Stevens singing "American Trilogy", Jan Merwood with "Caledonia" and Ian Atrill with "You're My Best Friend". As an acknowledgement to "The Brighstone Barnacles" the men performed a sea shanty "Roll the Old Chariot Along".

The Phoenix Choir are grateful to Ryde Chorus for the loan of their portable lighting and are pleased to say that the evening raised £1,025. Their next concert is on Saturday 6th July at St James' Church, Yarmouth.



**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year !**