



**What:** Darkest Muncaster  
**When:** February 13, 14, 17, 19 & 20  
**Where:** Muncaster Castle, Ravenglass  
**On offer:** Lights, sounds and special effects transform the castle.

**What:** Design & Embroidery Class  
**When:** Saturday, 10am - 4pm  
**Where:** Wordsworth Museum.  
**On offer:** Workshop with artist and writer Olena Beal. Tel: 015394-35544.

**What:** Voulez Vous  
**When:** Saturday, 7.30pm  
**Where:** The Dome, Morecambe  
**On offer:** Abba tribute band with light show and all the hits.

### OUR CLUB

# Share the message of joy

## Gospel Choir members just love singing

**T**O find a gospel choir in Cumbria is rare. To find one as credible and accomplished as the Lakes Gospel Choir is exceptional.

Members travel from all over the county to congregate at the Lakes Christian Centre at Bowness-on-Windermere on Monday nights to sing uplifting gospel and soul songs.

Using music from the Grammy award winning Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir of New York, energetic choir founder and director Robin Perris guides tenors, altos and sopranos through their parts.

Weekly practices lead up to about six public performances a year in churches across the North West.

Mrs Perris said: "We love singing gospel and want to share the message of joy and hope which is contained within the songs we sing. We're a true community choir and members range from their early teens to late 70s so there is a wide variety of cultures and abilities."

Although you don't have to be religious to join the choir and about a third do not attend church, gospel songs are Christian and members are required to respect the religious ethos.

The choir was founded in 2003 by Robin, who is American, and her husband Michael, now the choir's musical technician.

And from humble beginnings in the Perris's kitchen in Storth it has grown from strength to strength.

Mrs Perris said: "At one point we did have 100 people, we're now at around 70 which is a far more man-

ageable - but if you enjoy singing and would like the opportunity to perform with us, we would love to hear from you."

Look out for choir openings posted on the website throughout the year. There is often a waiting list and you will be asked to audition, but it's a welcoming and friendly club and you don't need to have sung in choirs before. The next open evening for non-members is on March 1.

### Lakes Gospel Choir

**Members:** 70  
**Founded:** 2003  
**Joining fee:** £50 a year for adults, £25 for under 18s, full time students and unwaged.  
**Age limit:** Under 13 for young person's choir and 14+ for adult choir.  
**Contact:** Robin Perris at [www.lakesgospelchoir.co.uk](http://www.lakesgospelchoir.co.uk)



SING IT LOUD: Lakes Gospel Choir in action.

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