

Concert for Isabel was a Christmas cracker



Last month saw the Sacred Heart family come together for a very special event in honour of music teacher Isabel Morison.

Isabel was diagnosed with a rare type of brain cancer last year. Since learning of the devastating news, her friends, colleagues and the wider community have pulled out all the stops to raise money for Isabel to receive potentially life-saving treatment.

The latest event took place on December 19, and saw Sacred Heart present a spectacular Christmas Carol Concert that wowed the hundreds in attendance.

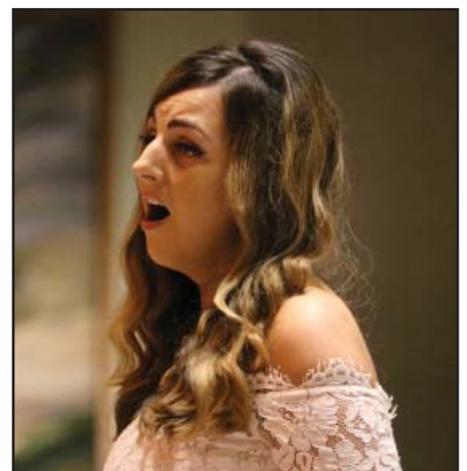
Set in the magnificent surroundings of the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, staff, pupils, family and friends joined together for this spectacular event.

Among those present was friend and colleague Miss Clarke, who paid tribute to Isabel and all those who made the event such a fantastic success.

Miss Clarke said: “The aim of the concert was to raise money for Isabel, a much valued teacher, colleague, mentor, friend and inspiration. The support and atmosphere that was evident in abundance not only showed the strength of Isabel’s positivity, impact and influence, but also recognised what a special community Sacred Heart really is.

“The concert was a huge success, with a vast array of talent on show, from our esteemed special guest, former student, Danielle Thomas, our organist accompaniment, Daniel Mansfield and choirs from St Nicholas’ singers, St Edmund Church choir, our partner primaries Great Crosby, Ursuline and St Anne’s Primary, (where Isabel’s daughter Lucy is a pupil), our current Sacred Heart staff choir and the very special Sacred Heart past pupil and staff choir.

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“Thanks go to our Musical Director, Mr Foy, whose hard work and dedication brought large numbers of colleagues, friends, students and well-wishers from across the Sacred Heart community and beyond. We were also very honoured to have His Grace, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon in attendance.

“As you will be aware, Isabel is crowd funding through <https://www.gofundme.com/isabel-treatment-fund> and is currently on a two year clinical trial using a device called Optune. If successful, subsequent funding will be needed after two years for the £21,000 per month the treatment costs.

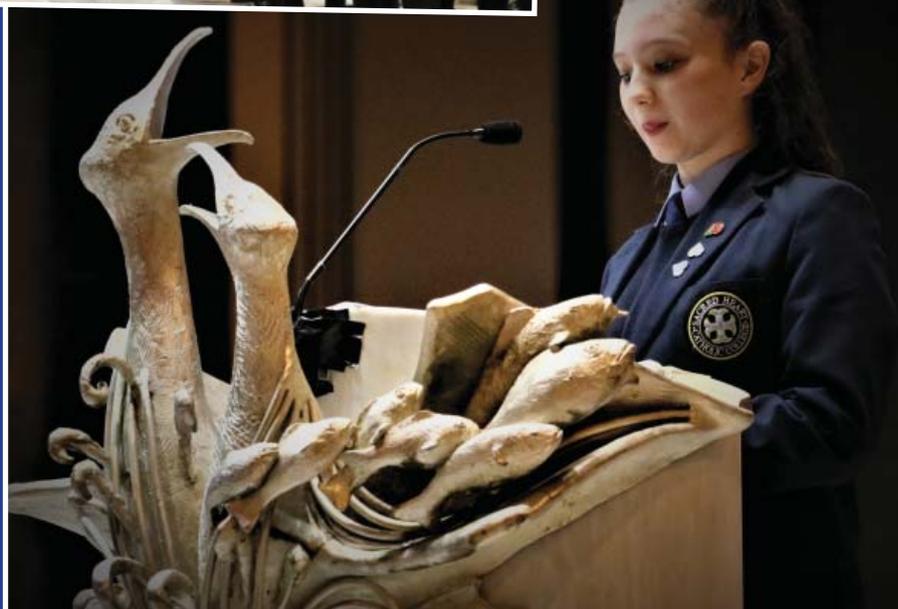
Treatment

“If not, Isabel will look at DCVax, a type of immunotherapy not available on the NHS. For this, she will travel to receive the treatment which costs in excess of £200,000.”

Christmas may now be well and truly behind us, but Isabel remains firmly in the thoughts at everyone at Sacred Heart and there are a number of fundraising events to look forward to.

Miss Clarke added: “As a community, we will continue to support Isabel and we have a number of events coming up that will be advertised on our website.

“These include a special comedy bingo night on Saturday, January 26, with tickets available from receptions on both Upper and Lower Site, and a night of singing entertainment on March 22, at Lower Site, for which tickets will be available soon. Any support or contributions will be massively appreciated – Let’s do this for Isabel.”



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