

## *Heritage Choir Newsletter #12 – Rome, Italy*

*It's Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, during your 2019 Rome, Italy Performance Tour. This afternoon you will have a Performance at the All Saints Anglican Church and an Impromptu Sing on the Spanish Steps.....*



**Your Performance** will be at the **All Saints' Anglican Church**. It is an active English-speaking congregation representing the Anglican Communion in Rome, Italy. Located on the fascinating Via del Babuino in the center of Rome between Piazza del Popolo and Piazza di Spagna provides an evocative atmosphere for numerous concerts and operas throughout the year.

All Saints' is part of the Church of England's Diocese of Europe. The first Anglican services were conducted in Rome in 1816. In the 1880s the church was built in the Victorian Neo-Gothic; red-brick revival. The spire was added in 1937.

The interior of All Saints' is lofty and spacious - a surprise to most visitors in view of the church's restricted approaches. Yet it occupies only a modest portion of the site of an Augustinian convent which was demolished in the 1870s. This had itself been built on the site of a Roman villa of two thousand years before. The deep foundations of this villa yielded several treasures when All Saints was being constructed by architect George Edmund Street.

Next you will have an **Impromptu Performance** on the **Spanish Steps**...

The Spanish steps were built in 1723-1725. It was built in order to link the the Trinità dei Monti church that was under the patronage of the king of France, with the Spanish square below.

The long, triangular Spanish square is named after the Spanish Embassy to the Holy See. In the 17th century, the area around the embassy was even considered Spanish territory. The idea of connecting the church with the square below originates from the 17th century, when the French also planned a statue of King Louis XIV of France at the top of the staircase. This plan was never executed, due to the refusal of the Pope.



Tomorrow you will visit the Rome Italy Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints... **to be continued in next week's Newsletter.**

**Rome "Fun Fact" #12** The Spanish steps are a wide irregular gathering place consisted of 138 steps placed in a mix of curves, straight flights, vistas and terraces.