

# Over the Years

Music & Lyrics © Alan Kingshott

1. So many prayers have been said,  
So many songs have been sung.  
Within the walls of this church,  
By the old and the young

### *Chorus*

Over the years, over the years, dear Lord,  
O - o - o - o - over the years.

2. And all the lovers that have been wed,  
All the children baptised.  
And all the tears that have been shed,  
For those who have died.

### *Chorus*

### *Refrain*

And let us be a church where faith will grow,  
And your love everyone will know.  
Where a stranger may enter and find,  
Those who care, those so kind.

3. And in war and in peace,  
We have come to be set free,  
From all our fears and chains,  
By the cross of Calvary.

### *Chorus*

### *Refrain*

And let us be a church where faith can grow,  
And your love everyone may know.  
Where those who turn away in pain,  
Return again, return again.

4. And let us find you today,  
In the eyes of the poor,  
And in the outstretching hands,  
Of those outside the door.

*Chorus* – On through the years,  
on through the years dear Lord,  
O - o - o - o - on through the tears.  
O - o - o - o - on through the years



Writer's Foot-note: "Over the Years" was originally written to mark the 50th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone and with it the start of building work for the New church on the 10th July 1939.

The song has always had a special place in our repertoire, and one of which I am duly proud. We sang the song for the first time at a special service to mark the anniversary, and in the presence of Father Harris who had been the Rector of Holy Cross church in 1939. Neil introduced us to Father Harris after the service and he congratulated us on our performance and the song. He later informed Neil that we reminded him of a modern day Nina and Fredrick!!!

p.s. Anyone who remembers Nina and Fredrick must now possess a Freedom Pass!