

# About Claire

My involvement in Dunchurch Band came about because of Paul, my husband, who is the Musical Director. Initially, I was something of a stand-in when needed but I soon found myself getting sucked in by the warmth and friendship of the group. A great band of people to play with!

I learnt to play as a child at my church, The Salvation Army. I'm grateful to leaders such as Kevin Murphy and Harold Smith who taught me to play and also showed much patience when I hadn't spent quite the amount of time practicing that I should have done! Also, to people such as Eric Mercer and Stuart Ralph who gave me a lift to the Salvation Army Youth Band in the northern region. Such people had a significant impact on my playing experience and such good role models too.

I moved to the midlands to study and met Paul at The Salvation Army in Coventry. I'm fortunate that with rehearsals on different nights of the week, I'm able to play with Dunchurch as well as the Salvation Army band. It's been excellent sharing concerts and contests with friends from both groups.

If you've ever thought about playing an instrument, do give it a go! The Dunchurch team run a brilliant training programme. And if you used to play, why not go again?! Join us on a Tuesday evening to enjoy music, great company and if that's not enough, the biscuits are pretty good too!