

## *Alison Kelly, Piano & Voice*

*Alison Kelly has more than 30 years' experience teaching, performing, and providing leadership in various musical venues including church worship, musical theatre, classroom, and local public performances. She has been affiliated with The Music Studio for the past 10 years.*

*She received her MA from Texas Tech University where she studied English and Music. In the Music Department she studied piano and performed onstage in musical theater productions. Her studies in the English Department include history of the language and linguistics, which have provided her with an in-depth understanding of how word pronunciation affects one's voice production.*

*Mrs. Kelly teaches piano in the traditional, classical method, supplemented with additional applied theory which not only improves sight-reading, but also develops composition and improvisation skills. Voice lessons begin with several weeks of warm-up exercises and vocalises to help the student discover his or her own unique instrument, plus sight-singing exercises to insure music literacy. Short, age-appropriate repertoire is then gradually introduced, followed later by longer, more sophisticated works.*

*In addition to running her private studio, Alison currently works and volunteers at St. William of York Catholic Church where she directs a youth choir, substitutes for the organists when they are away, and cantors for weddings, funerals and regular masses.*