

Weekly update for Sunday 5 May 2019 (also available at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#))

Next rehearsal (attachment)

On Tuesday 7 May 2019 we will continue rehearsing for the Holy Face concert at our usual venue. Please note that the Blades are having an open top bus parade so there will be road closures through the city centre and you might need to set off a bit earlier. Full details here: <https://www.thestar.co.uk/news/traffic-and-travel/sheffield-united-open-top-bus-parade-road-closures-1-9745356>

Chairman Paul Henstridge has produced rehearsal notes for Holy Face (attached), if you spot any errors please let Paul know. The notes are, as always, on the website at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#)

URGENT – please help us sell tickets for the Holy Face concert! (attachment)

With just a month to go we have sold about 50 tickets for the Holy Face concert and the City Hall ‘on-the-door’ sales rarely exceed 400. We really need Chorus members to help. Here’s how:

1. Sell tickets to friends and family - please do try to take on this task if you can. Tickets are FREE to u-18s, and families with children are welcome. Tickets will be on sale at rehearsal on Tuesday, priced £15 or £20 (so you don’t pay the booking fee) free if for u-18s. Please try to bring the correct change if you can. £5 reduction for anyone who presents their Xmas concert or Bach ticket or proof of booking.
2. Thanks for clearing just over half the flyers last week, that’s fantastic! There will be more on Tuesday, please distribute to friends, family and work colleagues, as well as to libraries, community centres, places of worship, village or supermarket notice boards, cafes, pubs, shop windows, social clubs, sports clubs etc.
3. Please share the attached e-flyer via email and/or social media.
4. If on Facebook please share any posts you see on the public page [‘Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus’](#) - and invite your friends to like the page. There is also an event on Facebook for this [concert](#) - it can be a great way to reach people across the city and beyond, so please do click ‘going/attending’ and invite your friends and family to do the same. We are co-hosting this event page with Halifax Choral Society and Black Dyke Band, so any promotional material you see out there do give it a ‘share’.
5. Our Twitter handle is: @SheffPhilChorus and it would be great to see people ‘liking’ and ‘retweeting’ our content, plus writing your own - we’ll retweet it on our official account, as will our performing peers plus Sheffield City Hall, so please help if you’re on Twitter.

Please note that any young brass players attending the concert are invited to meet the band afterwards. Please email their names to administrator@sheffieldphil.org

The Holy Face – arrangements known so far

The concert is the City Hall at 3 o’clock in the afternoon.

The on-the-day rehearsal will be from 11.30 to 14.00 in the City Hall. Please be in your seats ready to start rehearsal at 11.30 on the dot; however, the band are rehearsing from 11.00 to 11.30 so please take your seats in silence and as quietly as you can.

There will be a get-together in the ballroom after the concert, to which all performers have been invited; drinks and nibbles will be available, and the bar will be open.

Message from soprano Imelda Murphy

'A huge thank you to all you very generous and wonderful people who kindly donated to The Little Princess Trust. I chopped off over 12 inches of hair, which is being sent to the trust to make wigs for children with cancer. With the addition of gift aid, the incredible people in my life raised a total of £582.51 which will go towards making the wigs happen for children. For those people who still wanted to donate, please see either the link below or myself. Thank you once again. Imelda' <https://www.justgiving.com/Imelda-Murphy>

SPC branded mug offer

Message from soprano Rachel Mallaband: *'Many thanks to those who expressed an interest in an SPC branded mug. Unfortunately we didn't have enough people sign up to make this viable so we won't be proceeding with an order. Thanks anyway. Rachel.'*

Portable keyboard needed

From alto Melanie Musman: *'I am involved in a music project for refugees and asylum seekers in Barnsley run by Music in the Round. We have a participant who plays the piano and is really missing being able to play every day. I wonder whether anyone has (or knows of anyone who has) a small portable keyboard they would like to donate. It needs to be easily stored and transported as the family could be rehoused at any time etc. Thank you, Melanie.'* Please contact Melanie by email at mel.musman@gmail.com

Classical Sheffield seeking an administrator (attachment)

Classical Sheffield is seeking to recruit an Administrator to help with the running of the organisation as the current Administrator Steve Terry is stepping down. The role is voluntary and unpaid but provides a wonderful opportunity for an individual with an interest in classical music to support the continuing development of Classical Sheffield. The main functions of the Administrator are to provide support to the Board of Trustees, facilitate the work of the Classical Sheffield Subgroups, and communicate with Members, donors and the Charity Commission – providing the 'glue' that helps make Classical Sheffield cohesive and effective. An outline role specification is attached. The role would be ideal for somebody with an enthusiasm for classical music and good communication and keyboard skills (email, Word and Excel) – and able to commit to about 5 hours per week for most of the year, with more hours required in the run up to the next Classical Weekend in 2021. For further information or to discuss the role, please email Steve Terry at a.classicalsheffield@gmail.com

Singers for Armed Man 16 June 2019

Singers are required for a Come and Sing at St Mark's Broomhill on 16 June at 5.30pm, rehearsal at 1.30pm. Copies available on the day. Part of the Broomhill Festival, this event is a fundraiser for charity Assist <https://www.assistsheffield.org.uk/>. Tickets £7 for singers, £5 for concert-goers, tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Details at <https://stmarkssheffield.co.uk/2019/04/29/come-and-sing/> and <https://www.facebook.com/events/2099764896990600/>. Please sign up if you can help at <https://forms.gle/s7AnGvVRpkriJvwc9>

Reminder - FREE concert in aid of SRSB Tuesday 11 June 2019

Former member Elizabeth Charlesworth is giving a concert with pianist Hugh Finnegan in aid of SRSB on Tue 11 June from 12:30 to 13:30 in the Virgin Money Lounge, Fargate, Sheffield. This is a FREE event, but donations to SRSB are welcome. Please contact Sue or Claire at SRSB if you have any queries Tel: 0114 272 2757 or email: fundraising@srsb.org.uk . For further information please see www.srsb.org.uk

New arrangement - what to do if your contact details change

Matthew Morgan has set up a new system for informing the appropriate people about changes in your contact details, especially email addresses. Please send a message to changeemail2019@sheffieldphil.org to ensure that your details are amended on the Membership database and that you will continue to receive the weekly update.

Diary Dates

Diary dates for next season were removed from the weekly update at the request of members who don't want it to be too long; however they have been listed on the Chorus website for many weeks, to enable members to plan their diaries, at [Members Area / Diary dates](#). Dates for 2020-21 will be listed as soon as they are confirmed, so keep your eye on this page.

Rehearsal reminders

Please don't forget your membership card for swiping in. No need to send apologies under the new system (details at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#)), but if you do have anything to report please contact your Voice Rep.

[Please click here to go directly to the rehearsal schedule](#), there's also a link on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#).

Singing opportunities

Come and Sing Haydn Sat 1 June 2019 in Leeds

Brahms German Requiem on Saturday 13 July 2019 in Sheffield

Details for these and other opportunities are on the Chorus website at [Members' Area / For information / Singing Opportunities](#)

Weekly updates and the Chorus website

If ever you don't receive the weekly update, it is uploaded every week in [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#). The chorus user name is member and the password is dariu5; these are for chorus members only so please don't share them. However, urgent messages such as rehearsal venue changes are always listed above the log-in box so members can read the important part without logging in.

The Members Area of the website lists all the information included in the update, eg rehearsal details, rehearsal notes and links to recordings, concert and re-audition arrangements, as well as dates for the following season, our official stage procedure, Darius' rehearsal schedule, how to look after your voice etc.

The website is available at <http://sheffieldphil.org> or via a Google search. If taken to an error page it is likely that your computer or laptop has stored the old website in its memory (cache) and you should clear it by pressing REFRESH, or F5 on your PC keyboard. Alternatively it may be that your router needs re-setting; try turning it off for 10 minutes before switching it on again. If none of this works please contact Anne Adams in the first instance, and she will inform the webmasters Matthew Morgan and Bill Best.

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