

Weekly update Sunday 8 Sep 2019 (also available at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#))

Next rehearsal

Our next rehearsal is on Tuesday 10 September 2019, when we will continue to rehearse the Rutter *Gloria* which we are recording with the Black Dyke Band on Monday 21 October 2019 in St Oswald's Church, Bannerdale Road, Sheffield.

Next week we will start rehearsing for the 'After Hours' concert on Saturday 9 November 2019 in the City Hall ballroom.

Please hand in your Holy Face and Paradise scores if you haven't already done so.

Rehearsal schedule, notes and practice tracks

The new season's rehearsal schedule is on [Darius' website](#) and on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#). Piano and tutti rehearsal dates and times can be found at [Members Area / Diary dates](#) (also see New diary dates below). See end of this update for members area user name and password.

Links to rehearsal tracks and YouTube recordings of Rutter's *Gloria* were placed on the Chorus website in June, at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#).

More for Fargate please especially men – and short practice after rehearsal

Thanks you to those who volunteered to sing for 20 minutes on Fargate as part of the BBC Music Day event, at 11am on Thursday 26 Sept 2019. We have 6 sopranos, 7 altos, 2 tenors and 3 basses, so could do with a few more, especially men please! Sign up on Tuesday. Rachel Copley has kindly offered to conduct us, and there will be a short practice after rehearsal on Tuesday, when the music will be handed out. [Here's a link to the website](#).

Urgent plea re Bochum trip

Seventeen people have signed up for the trip to Bochum, but Darius isn't keen for them to sing unless a few more sign up, so the trip may not go ahead. If anyone would like to spend a few days singing with our Bochum colleagues and enjoying the Christmas markets, please tell either Graham Dawson or Chairman Paul Henstridge as soon as possible.

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Call for volunteers to join the committee

A number of committee members (Trustees) are standing down at the AGM on Tuesday 19 November, so the Chorus is looking for volunteers to take their place. The vacancies, and who to talk to for further details, are as follows:

Publicity and Marketing Officer (press releases, liaison with City Hall re programme entries and other publicity, devising text to send to our Graphic Designer) See Paul Bedwell.

Making Music Representative (alerting committee members to useful Making Music information, circulating the Making Music email newsletters). See Richard Salt.

Members Reps (liaison with members about items to be discussed at committee meetings. Please note that these are member reps on the committee, NOT Voice Reps). We have three vacancies - see Rachel Mallaband, Janet Hoyle or Ben Stone.

Subscription

A couple of people who joined in the spring and sang Holy Face need to see Graham about paying subs please.

Message from Mike Reynolds

'I am walking the pilgrimage route to Rome, the Via Francigena, in September this year. This is the pilgrimage that featured on TV earlier this year. We are walking from Lucca to Siena, and then from Bolsena to Rome. The distance will be a little under 250 kilometres (c.156 miles). I'm leaving Sheffield on Thursday 12 September, and planning to reach Rome on Monday 30 September. There will be 12 days of walking, and rest days in San Gimignano and Siena. I am hoping to be sponsored, on behalf of

ASSIST via Just Giving <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Mike-Reynolds5>

St. Wilfrid's Centre via Virgin Money Giving <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MikeReynolds9>

Many thanks for your support. Mike Reynolds'

Reminder - new diary dates

Elective event – Thursday 26 September 2019: 20 minute slot for BBC Music Day at 11am, Fargate Sheffield

AGM and cheese and wine social event: Tuesday 19 November 8.30

Elective event - Wednesday 27 November 2019, 7.30pm: 20 minute carol concert for Friends of Sheffield Museums at the Millennium Galleries, conducted by Georgina Hulse

Elective event - Sunday 8 December 2pm: St Luke's Carol, Service, Sheffield Cathedral, conducted by Rachel Copley

Elective event – Tuesday 17 December: teatime carol slot at Sheffield Station (to be confirmed)

Piano rehearsal for Verdi *Requiem* with conductor Gianluca Marciánó on Friday 1 May 2020 at KES, tutti rehearsal City Hall Saturday 2 May 2020 from 2pm to 5pm (concert at 7pm)

TWO choir rehearsals for Mahler 8 in Manchester: 10.30 - 4pm on Saturday 6 June 2020 (counts for the MAR) and 2 - 6pm on Saturday 13 June 2020 (doesn't count for the MAR).

Tutti rehearsal for Mahler 8 from 1.30 to 4.30 on Saturday 20 June 2020 at Bridgewater Hall (concert at 7.30pm, no interval)

Concert dates and details, including piano and tutti rehearsal dates, times and locations, are posted on the Chorus website as soon as they become available so that members can plan their activities, at [Members Area / Diary dates](#). For example we have accepted an invitation to sing Mahler 2 on Sunday 7 March 2021 in the City Hall with Hallam Choral Society, Sheffield Philharmonic Orchestra and the Hallam Sinfonia, conducted by George Morton.

What to do if your contact details change

Please send a message to emailchange2019@sheffieldphil.org to ensure that your details are amended on the Membership database and that you continue to receive the weekly update.

Singing opportunities

Details for a range of 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 the same for every member, it's the word *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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