

Summer update Thursday 4th July 2019 (also available at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#))

Very sad news and invitation to funeral

Members will be sad to hear that former member Wendy Smyllie passed away early on Monday 1st July. Wendy was a second alto who joined the Chorus in 1952, and you may know that bass Bill Smyllie, who generously sponsored our Messiah concert a couple of years ago, had been caring for Wendy at home for some time. The funeral is on Friday 19th July at 1.30 pm. at St. Andrews URC, Upper Hanover St., S3 7RQ. Any members who would like to join the St Andrew's Choir will be welcome. There will be a rehearsal at [12.30 pm](#) which will include a rendering of 'O rest in the Lord' the alto solo in Elijah converted by Douglas Jones, the organist at St Andrews, into a 4 part piece, and Rutter's 'Gaelic Blessing'. If you'd like to attend please email Bill at bill@smyllie.com so he has an idea of the numbers. If you'd like to sing, please email Douglas at douglas@douglasjones.co.uk so that he can send you a music pack and you could ask about parking. After the service the family will take about 45 minutes for the committal, and there will be an exhibition of church archive material which Wendy created, plus refreshments in the Church hall. Our condolences and best wishes to Bill and his family.

Rachel gets her medal! (attachment)

Message from Chair Paul Henstridge – and photo of Rachel attached

'A huge congratulation to Rachel Copley, our President, ex Chair and all-round Good Egg, for her British Empire Medal, with which she was presented at Doncaster's Mansion House on Monday 1st July. This is a well-deserved recognition for all she has done over many years for music in South Yorkshire, particularly in Rotherham and Sheffield. The attached photo shows Rachel with the Lord Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, Andrew J Coombe, and Doncaster's Civic Mayor, Councillor Linda Curran. The citation states that the medal is awarded for services to Music Charities and the community in South Yorkshire. I hope that you all have a great Summer and look forward to seeing everyone back in September. Paul.'

Invitation to sing Parry's 'I Was Glad' in Lincoln cathedral in July (attachment)

Pianist Jonathan Gooing invites members of the chorus to sing with the Bishop Grosseteste University's Graduation Choir in July. You would be joining current and ex-students and staff for up to four of the graduation ceremonies, which are on 24th and 25th July in Lincoln cathedral. The music will be Byrd's 'Non Nobis Domine' and Parry's 'I Was Glad' for the graduation ceremonies and some simple hymns for the short service that follows. Jonathan will play the organ and his wife Clare will conduct. Here's a recording of last year's ceremony; the singing is at 51 mins 49 secs: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TaBNZAEVex4>.

There are two rehearsals from 6pm to 8pm on 15th and 22nd July, **but people who know the Parry don't need to attend these** - the other music is simple and can be learned on the day.

There's a warm-up in Lincoln cathedral at 9.30am followed by the morning graduation ceremony and a short service ending around 1pm, then a repeat at 2pm ending around 5.40pm. You can volunteer for either or both of 24th and 25th July – or even for just a morning or an afternoon session. A more detailed schedule is attached.

So if you're missing our weekly rehearsals and would like to sing Parry in Lincoln Cathedral, please email Jonathan at jonathan.gooing@bishopg.ac.uk telling him the voice part you sing for the Parry (eg soprano 2), and on which dates you'd like to sing. Copies of the music will be available at Reception at Bishop Grosseteste University which is at LN1 3DY in the North (uphill) area of Lincoln, about 20 minutes walk from the cathedral (but with a 'shuttle bus' to the cathedral if you prefer). Dress – all black (ladies) lounge suit (gents).

Bochum trip – call for more voices - especially tenors!

We are hoping to return to Bochum in December, but we need more volunteers if we are to have enough singers and a reasonable balance between the different voices, so that we can do a 15 minutes slot in their concert on 8th December. We aim to be back in time for the Christmas concerts on Sat 14 Dec. Bochum choir members are happy to provide accommodation for those who wish. If you would like to sing Christmassy music in Bochum and enjoy the famous Christmas markets, email Chairman Paul Henstridge as soon as possible.

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Next rehearsal

Our next rehearsal is on Tuesday 3 September 2019, when Els will need your music - with markings rubbed out please. We start next season with Rutter's *Gloria* which we are recording with the Black Dyke Band on Monday 21 October 2019 in St Oswald's Church, Bannerdale Road, Sheffield. We will also start rehearsing for an 'After Hours' concert on Saturday 9 November 2019 in the City Hall ballroom, programme to include Scandinavian and Baltic music.

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

Reminder that Maggie is singing in Mahler 8 at Bridgewater Hall tonight 5 July 2019

Maggie is appearing as a soloist in Mahler's magnificent 8th Symphony at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester tonight 5 July at 7pm. Members might like to go along to hear this fantastic work, especially as we are singing it at the same venue in the coming season. The performance will be broadcast on BBC Radio 3 on Wed 10 July 2019.

Singing opportunities

Brahms German Requiem on Saturday 13 July 2019 in Sheffield (Music Academy performance)

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

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