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Weekly update Sunday 12 January 2020 (also available at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#))

Next rehearsal

Our next rehearsal is on Tuesday 14 January 2020 in the Upper School. We will be rehearsing *Messiah*, so please make sure you bring your music and a pencil to mark the score.

Rehearsal tracks and notes

Links to YouTube recordings and voice part rehearsal tracks for *Messiah*, and to Paul's rehearsal notes, are on the Chorus website at: [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#).

The 2019-20 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](#). See below for members area user name and password.

Reminder - returning music and obtaining a Verdi Requiem score

Thank you to everyone who returned their Christmas music last week. Please could those who forgot or who were absent, bring your music to the rehearsal on Tuesday 14 January, in the plastic wallet and with all the markings rubbed out. Many thanks.

We will start rehearsing the Verdi Requiem on January 28 2020, and members need to either hire or buy a score. **Could members who have their own score, so do not want to either buy or hire one, please let Els know asap ElsPearse@sheffieldphil.org . Anybody who would like to order a copy to buy must do so by this Tuesday, January 14.** The scores retail at around £12.55. If you intend to hire a score you need do nothing.

Message from Christopher Wren

'Dear friends in the chorus, It was a surprise to receive the bound presentation copy of Bach's B minor Mass on the Thursday evening at the Tickhill Parish Church Carols. It has taken "Pride of Place" on my library shelf and will remind me of many enjoyable occasions with the Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus over the past 50 years, With best wishes, Christopher'

Message from Nigel Gyte

'A very 'Happy New Year' from me to everyone at SPC. There will be some fantastic stuff to sing (and for Rachel to play) up to the summer break. I hope it all goes well! It was lovely to see you all at the City Hall for your Christmas Concert. We came away uplifted and truly felt that Christmas had arrived. It was a wonderful concert and I congratulate you all for responding so musically to Darius' conducting. One final note.....THANK YOU Darius and Choir for a deeply moving arrangement AND PERFORMANCE of 'Silent Night'. It was stunning and beautifully balanced. Well done! I can't wait to see/hear you all again. With my love & best wishes, Nigel X'

Invitation to sing Bach's B minor Mass – all voice parts

Sheffield Bach Choir invite basses and **especially tenors**, to join them to sing J.S. Bach's Mass In B minor on Saturday 7 March. They could also make good use of a few strong altos and sopranos who know the work well. Rehearsals (of which you'd have to attend 75%) are on Monday evenings 7.30 to 9.30pm, starting (for visitors) on Monday 13 January 2020 at

Cemetery Road Baptist Church 11 Napier Street Sheffield S11 8HA. Please take your own score if you have one. Please note that parking at Waitrose car park is by arrangement only – on arrival at the rehearsal venue please provide your car registration to Tony in the foyer so it can be added to the list submitted to Waitrose; without this you will be given a hefty fine!

Please don't just turn up - Gentlemen who are interested please contact Nigel Wright wrightnigel@yahoo.com or tel. 0114 233 0525. Ladies please contact Anne Adams either by reply to this weekly update or at administrator@sheffieldphil.org

Invitation to sing Mahler 2 on Monday 13 April 2020 in the City Hall

Gemma Wareham, Director of the City of Sheffield Youth Orchestra sent the following thanks to those who sang the Planets at Christmas, and a invitation you might not be able to resist:

'I want to say a huge thank you to you all for your wonderful singing on the 30th December for the CSYO Christmas concert. It was an absolute pleasure to have you there and the choir gave a wonderfully atmospheric close to a great concert.

Our 40th anniversary birthday party is taking place on Monday 13th April (Easter Monday) when we are performing Mahler's 2nd Symphony. I warmly invite you to join us for the event and sing in the choir that features in the finale. It will be a wonderful evening of celebration at Sheffield City Hall with soloists Elizabeth Cragg, soprano, and Anna Harvey, Mezzo soprano.

For more information about rehearsals and to sign-up please fill in your details on the form at the following link: [Choir Registration](#). Please do pass this on to your colleagues and friends. We hope to put together a large choir befitting of the venue and the event! Best wishes, Gemma' gemma.csyo@gmail.com 07709452735 www.csyo.org.uk

Reminder – subs and cards

Thanks to all those who have paid their subs – about half of the members. Membership cards are now ready and can be collected from Graham at rehearsal. The subs were due in November, so please can all those who haven't yet paid, do so as soon as they can. **Please remember that everyone needs to complete a new form each year, even those paying via standing order;** forms were sent by email a few weeks ago but spares are available from Graham. Members should use full names as recognised by HMRC, otherwise Gift Aid collection will be problematic. If anyone has difficulty paying for any reason, then please contact GrahamDawson@sheffieldphil.org.

Reminder - Schubert's *Winterreise* on Saturday 18 January 2020

Philip Collin, who leads our rehearsals when Darius can't, is hosting a concert in Sheffield on Saturday 18 January 2020. Bass-baritone William Burn will sing *Winterreise* (Winter Journey), a setting of 24 poems by Wilhelm Müller which Schubert's composed as a song cycle for voice and piano in 1828. Philip will accompany William on the piano. It's at 12 noon in the Upper Chapel, Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JD and costs £10 on the door (£5 concessions).

Reminder - Classical Sheffield website

The Classical Sheffield website has been updated, and now includes a Member's Area as well as information about how to join or support the organisation. The Member's Area is accessible to individuals from member groups, so anyone from the Chorus can log in and view the documents (eg AGM minutes and policy documents) and resources (eg links useful to classical music makers, Fundraising Guide etc). The website still features all the classical [Music Makers](#) in Sheffield, as well as the most comprehensive list of [What's On](#) in terms of classical music in a handy date-ordered list that's easy to browse, with links to ticketing information. The Member's Area is at <https://classicalsheffield.org.uk/about> and the password is **moremusic**.

Singing Day with Paul Mealor

Members might be interested in going to a singing day with Paul Mealor on Sat 14 March:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/singing-day-with-prof-paul-mealor-tickets-83972585263>

Diary dates

Saturday 18 April 2020 7pm – Messiah concert with Black Dyke Band in Sheffield cathedral.

Friday 1 May 2020 – compulsory piano rehearsal for Verdi *Requiem* with conductor Gianluca Marcianó 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 *darius5*. 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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