

## **Weekly update for w/c Monday 29 October 2018**

### **Rehearsal reminders**

Tomorrow evening the rehearsal will be in the Upper School as usual. We will be rehearsing the Bach B Minor Mass.

The demands of this wonderful work are such that it hasn't been performed at the City Hall for many years, and our performance will be closely watched by those who programme the annual choral concerts. It is therefore very important that we sing this work really well.

Darius has asked us to look over the work at home, so here is a YouTube link to the Kyrie with scoring, which automatically continues on through the entire work via a series of separate videos. Since each is listed in the menu on the right, you can select any of the elements rather than working through in order.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zS2biN257sQ&list=PL2k8ekJXk4nUkgVUf54Em8\\_V1v7Eaoj86](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zS2biN257sQ&list=PL2k8ekJXk4nUkgVUf54Em8_V1v7Eaoj86)

Georgina is running a sight reading session tomorrow night; the remaining session will be on 11 December. Georgina's note-bashing sessions for those want to go over anything from the After Hours concert, are on 11 and 27 November.

Links to Chair Paul Henstridge's rehearsal notes, and to YouTube recordings and practice tapes for all the After Hours concert pieces and the B Minor Mass, are on the Chorus website in the usual place - [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the music](#) (password reminder at the end of this update).

### **Request for sopranos and altos for Classical Sheffield launch event 15 November**

The chorus has offered to supply a small choir of women's voices for the launch of the Classical Sheffield Festival Weekend 2019, to be held from 6.30 to 7.30pm in the Virgin Money Lounge on Fargate on Thursday 15 November 2018. Darius has agreed to this, which will be a good opportunity to raise the profile of the Chorus; Rachel Copley will conduct. The choir will sing for about 7 minutes, exact time to be confirmed. We will sing a version of Stamford's *'Blue Bird'* for SSSAA and *'Lift thine eyes'* (SSA) from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, both *a capella*. Sopranos and altos who are willing to sing please let Anne Adams know as soon as you can; she will have a list to sign at rehearsal, but you can also email her at [administrator@sheffieldphil.org](mailto:administrator@sheffieldphil.org). There will probably only be time for a couple of very short rehearsals from 9pm to 9.30pm next week and the week after, so it would be best if volunteers already know the works.

### **Request for singers at funeral of former member Dennis Webb**

Members were informed by a separate email about the death of one of our former members Mr Dennis Webb at the Northfield Nursing Home on Wednesday 24 October 2018 aged 91. Dennis was a Second Bass who joined the Chorus in May 2003. The funeral will take place at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium on Monday 5th November at 2:00 pm. There will be refreshments following the service at Tapton Hall, Shore Lane, Sheffield. John Wade is gathering singers to sing for Dennis at the funeral and welcomes anyone willing and able to sing on the day. Please email him at [j.wade@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:j.wade@sheffield.ac.uk). The work to be sung is Dvorak 'Going Home'. There will be a short rehearsal - arrangements TBC.

### **Please can anyone give a prospective new member a lift to rehearsals?**

Is there anyone who travels to rehearsal via Abbeydale road and Carterknowle, who could offer a lift to a young Spanish alto? She hopes to join us but finds the transport unhelpful and isn't keen on walking in the dark alone. If you can help, please contact Sally Turnbull at [sallyturnbull2002@hotmail.com](mailto:sallyturnbull2002@hotmail.com). Many thanks

### **Reminder – sign up for re-auditions!**

John Spence has contacted those who missed the summer re-auditions; please let John know which slot you would like, at King Edwards School on Saturday 10 November from 10.00 to 13.00. You must be re-auditioned to be able to sing in concerts this season.

### **Reminder - Notice of 82nd Annual General Meeting (one attachment)**

The 82nd Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 November 2018 at 8.30pm, after a shorter-than-usual rehearsal, at King Edward VII Upper School, Glossop Road, Sheffield S10.

The formal notice and a complete set of AGM papers will be distributed by email by 5 November 2018 at the latest. This weekly update item is provided to give members time to consider whether they might stand for election, and to complete and submit nomination forms.

All Officers and Members' Reps are required to stand for re-election every year. Officers may stand every year, while Members' Reps may only stand for up to three successive years. All will become trustees of the CIO and as such will carry no personal liability; responsibilities remain the same.

As you know, John Spence is standing down, resulting in TWO vacancies, reflecting the amazing amount of work John has done for us over the years; his contribution to committee meetings has also been significant and will be much missed. The two vacancies are for a Membership Officer and a Rehearsals and Concerts Officer.

Our two Member Representatives Rachel Mallaband and Janet Hoyle are standing down after three years in office; their contributions have also been substantial and they too will be missed. Nominations for a Members' Representative from each of the four voice parts would be very welcome.

Please submit a nomination form for these or any roles, to Anne Adams, by Tuesday 13 November 2017 at the latest if you would like to volunteer. Existing committee members seeking re-election also need to submit a form; this is attached, with hard copies available from Anne. Nomination forms must be signed by the nominee, a proposer and a seconder; no member can propose or second more than one nominee.

### **Reminder - Post AGM Social Event**

The AGM on 20 November will be followed by our post-AGM social event, organised by Social Events Officer Helen Kirk. This is an opportunity to relax and chat with chorus members, and is an occasion that many members really enjoy. Wine and fruit juice, cheese and nibbles will be available.

Helen will be collecting donations to pay for the refreshments after rehearsal; please make sure you see Helen to make your contribution. Helen would also be grateful for some volunteers to help her set up on 20 November, and especially to help clear away after the event, so if you could help in this way please let Helen know.

### **Reminder - Member issues to raise at next committee meeting**

The next committee meeting is on Thursday 1 November 2018. If there is anything you would like the committee to discuss at the meeting, please ask either of your Member reps Rachel Mallaband (sop) [rmallaband@outlook.com](mailto:rmallaband@outlook.com) or Janet Hoyle (alto) [janet.hoyle1@btinternet.com](mailto:janet.hoyle1@btinternet.com) to raise it on your behalf.

**Upcoming concerts** are on the Chorus website, [Members Area / For information](#)

**Singing Opportunities** are at [Members' Area / For information / Singing Opportunities](#)

**Diary Dates** See the Chorus website at [Members Area / Diary dates](#).

### **Apologies and Half-Time Leavers**

Please note that apologies for absence should be sent to our Membership Officer John Spence; contact details at the bottom of each update. If you leave a rehearsal at half-time for whatever reason you should make a note of the fact on the Apologies Sheet on the registration desk.

### **Chorus website**

Information about concert arrangements, future dates, our official stage procedure, Darius' rehearsal schedule, re-auditions, where to get rehearsal tracks etc. can be found on the chorus website, in the Member's Area in particular. 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. The chorus user name is member and the password is dariu5; these are for chorus members only so please don't share them.

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