

Next rehearsal Tue 16 Mar 2021; Maggie's coaching sessions; Trisha Cooper; Diary dates; Reminders - Maggie's Singalong Concerts, Voice Rep change, Message from Membership Officer Marianne, Steel City celebrations; Tell us if contact details change; Websites and passwords; Contact emails

**Weekly Update 14 March 2021 (also at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#))**

**“Music is an outburst of the soul.” — Frederick Delius**

## **Next rehearsal Tuesday 16 March 2021**

Our next rehearsal is on Tuesday 16 March 2021, when Matthew Hamilton from the Halle Chorus will take the rehearsal as Darius is unavailable. Matthew will lead us through a sing-through of Mozart's *Requiem*. For those without their own copy at home, here is a link to a download: [https://ks.imslp.info/files/imglnks/usimg/5/5b/IMSLP552289-PMLP2751-mozart\\_requiem\\_peters.pdf](https://ks.imslp.info/files/imglnks/usimg/5/5b/IMSLP552289-PMLP2751-mozart_requiem_peters.pdf)

You can always use the Members Area of the Chorus website to find links to download music, and for rehearsal tracks and YouTube recordings, for all the works we are currently rehearsing. You can also use it to have another look at Maggie's vocal exercises that Rachel scored at the start of the lockdown last year. You will find everything at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#) and [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing Your Voice](#). Log-in details are at the end of each update.

We are using the same Zoom link each week:

<https://zoom.us/j/98573583645?pwd=czduZWUwdldOa09DWVpORU9UMktPUT09>

**Meeting ID: 985 7358 3645**

**Passcode: 123456**

**Telephone dial-up numbers: +44 203 481 5240; +44 203 901 7895; +44 208 080 6591; +44 208 080 6592; +44 330 088 5830; +44 131 460 1196; +44 203 481 5237**

**Instructions for using Zoom can be found in the Members Area of the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#).**

Here are the links to the recordings of last week's rehearsal, which you can use if you were missing or want to do a bit more work or practice your Russian a bit more. Grateful thanks to Kath Eadon for editing these for us.

- [Rachmaninov Vespers Nos 3 & 15 Altos and Tenors 9 February 2021](#)

Thanks as always to Darius, Rachel, Maggie and Marianne for organising and delivering the online rehearsals.

## **Maggie's coaching sessions**

If you are on the coaching list you will receive an email with instructions on how to book a time slot on our very easy-to-use system. Once you've booked, an auto email response will confirm your time slot. On Tuesday at that time, please leave the main Zoom session, and click the separate meeting link below. You will find yourself in a waiting room. The message "*Please wait for the host to admit you*" will appear, and when Maggie is ready she will admit you to the session. At the end of your session, leave that meeting and return to the main rehearsal link. Thanks Maggie for all the help you are providing to our Chorus!

[Link for Maggie's online coaching sessions](#)

<https://zoom.us/j/93980852238?pwd=MjE3WTUwMXZCVXZRUHZ3NjcwN0tqZz09>

Link to Maggie's vocal exercises: [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing Your Voice](#)

## Trisha Cooper

Trisha Cooper, who gives the pre-concert talks at the City Hall and who some of you may know, has been having treatment for cancer and unfortunately now needs more, possibly including surgery. However Trisha remains her positive, cheery self. We have sent her a card from the Chorus and are in touch by email.

## Diary dates (*dates in italics are electives*)

### Dates for 2020-21 yet to be confirmed

Sat 15 May 2021: Rachmaninov's Vespers - self funded. Will not be in May; watch this space for further information.

Sat 19 June 2021: Faure Requiem – self funded. Sheffield City Hall have decided not to open for classical concerts until September, so the Faure concert won't go ahead in the manner originally planned. Watch this space for further information

**Dates for 2021-22 and beyond, yet to be confirmed:** *Sunday 12 December 2021 (St Luke's carol service)*. Saturday 18 December 2021 (City Hall carol concerts with Black Dyke Band). Saturday 23 April 2022 (re-scheduled Handel *Messiah* concert with Black Dyke Band, City Hall). Sunday 19 March 2023 (re-scheduled Mahler Symphony No. 2 City Hall)

**Under discussion:** Walton *Belshazzar's Feast* at City Hall, Rutter *Gloria* with Black Dyke Band, re-scheduled Mahler Symphony No. 8 at Bridgewater Hall. The postponed Brahms *Song of Destiny* may happen in January 2022.

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](#) (password details provided at the end of this and every weekly update).

## Reminder: Maggie's Singalong Concerts January to April 2021

To keep her voice 'concert ready', Maggie is singing along to her favourite recording of the works listed below. Do feel free to do the same in your own homes. Maggie will be with you in spirit as she performs these works in full evening dress in her music room at home! All concerts start at 7.30.

- March 20th Part 2 – St. Matthew Passion – Bach
- March 27th Parts 2 and 3 – The Messiah – Handel
- April 2nd Good Friday – St. John Passion – Bach
- April 4th Easter Sunday – The Resurrection – 2nd Symphony – Mahler

## Reminder - Voice Rep change

Richard Salt has very kindly agreed to act as Voice Rep for all the basses for a while, as Bass 2 Voice rep Allan Lacey is taking a temporary Leave of Absence. Many thanks, Richard.

## Reminder - Message from Membership Officer Marianne Grayson

*“We need to maintain a list of chorus members willing and able to act as First Aiders in the unlikely event of an accident or sudden illness at a rehearsal or in a concert. If you are qualified, and willing to help in this way, please could you let Marianne know on [MarianneGrayson@sheffieldphil.org](mailto:MarianneGrayson@sheffieldphil.org) Many thanks, Marianne “*

## Reminder - Steel City Celebration

Hope you all had a listen to this super video, and spotted alto Marianne Grayson and soprano Rachel Mallaband, who both took part. With just six choral groups involved, it is really great – and important - that the Chorus was involved in this project (albeit only tow of us!) – especially given it’s use to launch and promote the Sheffield City Region Music Board’s social media presence, and hopefully on the Making Music website.

The video is on the Classical Sheffield YouTube channel, which also now features our Christmas concert, so please subscribe at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV5zfljRBJNf-AKfzw4Czrg>. There are also links on the [Classical Sheffield Facebook page](#).

## What to do if your contact details change

If any of your contact details change, including address, email or telephone number, please send a message to [emailchange2019@sheffieldphil.org](mailto:emailchange2019@sheffieldphil.org) to ensure that your details are amended on the Membership database and that you continue to receive the weekly update.

## Weekly updates, Chorus and Classical Sheffield websites and passwords

If ever you don’t receive the weekly update, please contact Membership Officer Marianne Grayson (see below). However, 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*; please don't share these. Urgent messages 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.

A reminder of the Classical Sheffield Member’s Area: <https://classicalsheffield.org.uk/about> ; the password is **moremusic**.

## Contact emails

MD Darius Battiwalla [dariusbattiwalla@talktalk.net](mailto:dariusbattiwalla@talktalk.net)

Chair Paul Henstridge [chairman@sheffieldphil.org](mailto:chairman@sheffieldphil.org)

**Administrator Anne Adams** [administrator@sheffieldphil.org](mailto:administrator@sheffieldphil.org)

**Membership Officer Marianne Grayson** [MarianneGrayson@sheffieldphil.org](mailto:MarianneGrayson@sheffieldphil.org)

**Finance Officer Graham Dawson** [GrahamDawson@sheffieldphil.org](mailto:GrahamDawson@sheffieldphil.org)

**New members Officer Sally Turnbull** [SallyTurnbull@sheffieldphil.org](mailto:SallyTurnbull@sheffieldphil.org)

**Privacy Policy – summary** SPC uses member emails in line with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) May 2018, ie, only to help run the Chorus and keep members informed about SPC activities. SPC will never pass your data to third parties - if another member asks for your contact details SPC will only ever share them if you consent. SPC will never use your data to send messages from third parties. Weekly updates are uploaded to the Chorus website every week, however email is the easiest and quickest method of sharing information so we hope you continue to allow us to send them to you. However, you may opt out by contacting [administrator@sheffieldphil.org](mailto:administrator@sheffieldphil.org). The full Privacy Policy is on the Chorus website at <http://sheffieldphil.org/about-us/privacy-policy/>