

Please complete the survey – see link below - deadline in 7 days

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Weekly Update 02 May 2021 (also at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#))

Next rehearsal Tuesday 04 May 2021

Our next rehearsal will be on Tuesday 04 May 2021 when we will sing Bach's *Magnificat*, chorus numbers 1, 4, 7, 11 and 12. You can download the music from here (don't download it all, just the numbers we will be singing):

http://www.cafe-puccini.dk/Bach/Magnificat_BW243/pdf/magnificat.pdf

We are still using the same Zoom link for our weekly rehearsals:

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

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

Don't forget that you can use the Members Area of the Chorus website to find links to download music, and for rehearsal tracks and YouTube recordings, as well as Maggie's vocal exercises. 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.

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](#)

Survey about live rehearsals

Thank you to the 100 or so members who have completed the online survey. It would be most helpful if the rest of our members could complete the survey as soon as possible. Here is the link to the survey, which is to see who would like to take part in the next round of live rehearsals, so that we can sort out reasonably balanced groupings of around 30. The survey will expire after 7 days, so please complete it soon! Many thanks.

<https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/Z8EwCZKT>

Darius organ CD now available

The long-awaited CD that Darius mentioned recently is now available from base2music. On it, Darius performs the rarely heard Sonata in C minor by Percy Whitlock, on Rochdale Town Hall's powerful and smooth J.J.Binns organ. There's also Lynwood Farnam's *Toccata* and Fela Sowando's *Kyrie*, a wonderful piece which Darius played in France. The CD costs £18 from the link below. Darius will also take copies for folk to buy to the first live rehearsals (hopefully in June).

<https://www.base2music.store/#!/Percy-Whitlock-Organ-Sonata-Rochdale-Town-Hall-Darius-Battiwalla-SACD-disc/p/348512397/category=0>

Desert Island Discs

Grateful thanks to Darius for sharing snippets about his life and music, and for letting us hear his favourite pieces. It was marvelous! Thanks also to Rachel for interviewing our MD so well, and to Rachel for supplying the music. Comments from members were enthusiastically complementary – we all really enjoyed it and are looking forward to the next one, in which Darius will interview Rachel. Kath is busy editing the recorded session, which we will share in a future update.

Runby Singers' virtual Durufle *Requiem*

After their successful Mozart *Requiem* and *Glorias* from Rutter and Vivaldi, the next Virtual Choir project is the Durufle *Requiem*. [Here is a link](#) to their first introductory session to give you a flavour of how it went - sectional rehearsals start next week. All rehearsals are on YouTube for easy catch up and repeats and all rehearsals benefit from a backing choir. Full details can be found [here](#) at runbysingers.online

Diary dates (*dates in italics are electives*)

Dates for 2020-21 yet to be confirmed

Watch this space for information about possible performance and social events in late June or early July.

Dates for 2021-22 and beyond

Saturday 9 October 2021 (Memorial service for Sue Spence, Firth Hall)

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) – yet to be confirmed

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).

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 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**.

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