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Weekly Update Sunday 5 September 2021 (also at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#))

First rehearsal Tuesday 14th September 2021 at King Edward's Upper School.

Our first rehearsal will be on Tuesday 14th September at King Edwards Upper School at 7pm. Look out for Darius' rehearsal schedule and the music we will sing, in next week's update.

Government and Making Music guidelines advise us to put together a new Risk Assessment that looks at the precautions we will need to take to reduce the Covid-19 risk. We are still waiting to hear from King Edward's School about their requirements, and will share all the details next week.

Unfortunately the Government / Making Music advice is such that we can't have the social event we planned to have at our first rehearsal, which is such a shame. You may be sure that as soon as we are able to hold a social event safely, we will do so!

Thank you - Saturday 4th September

Thank you to those who sang at the Sheffield Festival Showcase in the Winter Gardens on Saturday 4th September – and to the members who came to listen and give their support. It all went very well indeed. A very big 'thank you' to our Education and Outreach Officer, soprano Georgina Hulse, who led the two rehearsals and conducted us on the day. Georgina you're a star!

Request for volunteers to sing at memorial service

On Saturday 9 October there will be a memorial service in Firth Hall, for tenor John's Spence's late wife Sue. John, our long-serving Membership Officer until a couple of years ago, would like Chorus members to sing excerpts from the Faure *Requiem* at the service; it was Sue's favourite choral work. If you'd like to sing at the service, please contact Administrator Anne Adams, stating your name and Chorus number and whether you have a copy of the Faure.

AnneAdams@sheffieldphil.org

Urgent request for volunteers to help new members – needed for 21st September

The 20 new people who have expressed an interest in joining the Chorus, will be coming along on Tuesday 21st September. We need members from each voice part to act as 'buddies' for these new people, to help them along for their first few weeks, and make them feel really welcome. Please contact our New Members Officer, Sally Turnbull, if you'd like to help; it can make such a difference to new people – sometimes the difference between leaving or staying with us. Please let Sally know asap if you are willing to help out. SallyTurnbull@sheffieldphil.org

Making Music Awards and AGM Wed 8 September 2021

Members are invited to the Making Music 2021 awards ceremony and AGM, which will take place online, on Wednesday 8 September. [Please click here to book a place](#)

Charity Commission Annual Public Meeting 2021

You are invited to join the Charity Commission's Annual Public Meeting on Thursday 30 September 2021 at 2pm. This year's meeting is a virtual event open to all members of the public and charity representatives, and broadcast live online. If you wish to join the event, please sign up below and you will be sent a link for the live broadcast closer to the date.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charity-commission-annual-public-meeting-tickets-166774339539>

Diary dates (*dates in italics are electives, ie, voluntary*)

Please note that confirmed 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).

2021-22

- *Saturday 9 October 2021 (Memorial service for Sue Spence, Firth Hall, likely to include excerpts from Faure's Requiem) – elective (volunteers wanted, see above)*
- An After Hours concert in the City Hall ballroom, Wed 3 November 2021 9.15 - 10pm (part of Sheffield International Concert Season - SICS). NB. Tickets for this are only available to attendees of the Halle concert, in advance, ie, none available on the night.
- ~~*Sunday 12 December 2021 (St Luke's carol service)*~~ ***Sadly, this has been cancelled***
- *December carol singing at Sheffield Station – date to be announced - elective*
- Saturday 18 December 2021 2.30pm. City Hall carol concert with Black Dyke Band and Petroc Trelawny (part of SICS). NB only one concert, in the afternoon.
- *Faure Requiem* at City Hall with Manchester Camerata, January 2022 (part of SICS)
- Rachmaninov *All Night Vigil* sometime in spring 2022, yet to be confirmed. Self-funded.
- Saturday 23 April 2022: Re-scheduled Handel *Messiah* concert with Black Dyke Band, City Hall, with German and French choirs – yet to be confirmed. Self funded.
- Walton *Belshazzar's Feast* at City Hall, June 2022 (part of SICS)

2022-23

- Saturday in December 2022: City Hall carol concert(s) with Black Dyke Band. SICS.
- Sunday 19 March 2023 (Mahler Symphony No. 2 City Hall with Hallam Choral Society, Hallam Sinfonia and Sheffield Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor George Morton, forming the finale of Classical Sheffield's 10th anniversary Festival Weekend)
- Re-scheduled Verdi *Requiem* at City Hall, sometime in 2022-23. SICS.
- re-scheduled Mahler Symphony No. 8 at Bridgewater Hall possibly May/June 2023

Under discussion

- Rutter *Gloria* - Black Dyke Band keen to do this with us sometime

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 *dariu5*; 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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