

URGENT NOTE: TUESDAY'S REHEARSAL IS AT ST MARK'S

New items: rehearsal at St Mark's; note about singing workshop; Chorus seeks a qualified First Aider; *Elijah* workshop Sat 14 Oct 10.30 to 5.30 Wesley Hall Crookes, £10; Come Sing Vivaldi *Gloria* Sat 4 Nov (see Singing Opportunities).

Rehearsal information

Our next rehearsal will be at St Mark's Church Broomhill, on Tuesday 19 September 2023; this is because there is an information evening at King Edward's. There may be some spaces on the KES car park, but it will have parents and staff moving in and out from 6pm, so it may be wiser to find street parking near St Mark's; it's free from 6pm. Please note that St Mark's will be open from 6.15pm. https://www.stmarkssheffield.co.uk/Groups/397554/Finding_Us.aspx

Please check next season's concert dates and their compulsory piano and tutti rehearsal dates and times (in Diary Dates below) and let your Voice Rep know about any concert or compulsory rehearsal you are unable to attend.

A gentle reminder that Darius prefers all members to take part in all concerts wherever possible, and to attend all rehearsals in any case. Many thanks. Dates for this season will shortly be available at <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/currentschedule.pdf> or via the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#) (user name member password M4hler8D@rius22).

New folders with the up-to-date SPC logo are available at rehearsals, from Sally and Marianne, price £7.50. No obligation. Don't forget that narrow black elastic wound round the spine a few times, holds multiple copies of sheet music more effectively than the in-built folder cords, and can't be seen by the audience.

Music for rehearsals – for the October concert

- Music hire is £4.00, this includes Robin Morton's *Sheffield Nocturne* which we haven't distributed yet. Correct change would be appreciated, or feel free to forego the change from a fiver - but there's absolutely no obligation to do this.
- The Chorus website has a link to recordings and rehearsal tracks, plus the rehearsal notes, relating to the pieces we will be singing in the October concert, at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#) (user name member password M4hler8D@rius22).

If you use [Choraline](#) to purchase rehearsal tracks, please note that we have a discount of 20% on standard prices. To claim this, use the code SHEFF and type 'SINGER' in the discount code on the basket page. If ordering by telephone, quote these when asked.

Singing workshop

The singing workshop led by Georgina Hulse may or may not take place from 6.25 to 6.55, depending on whether the upstairs room at St Mark's is suitable; information will be available on Tuesday. The workshops are open to anyone and will cover sight singing as well as understanding the score or anything else that members and potential members may find useful – just speak to Georgina and she will try to accommodate your needs.

We're looking for a qualified First Aider

The Chorus is looking for someone to join second soprano Imelda Murphy in providing First Aid, should any member ever need it, during rehearsals and concerts. Hopefully we will never need this (medical aid last required about eight years ago) but the Chorus does need to be prepared just in case! If you have an up-to-date First Aid qualification and are willing to do your bit for the Chorus, please contact Anne Adams at administrator@sheffieldphil.org. Grateful thanks to

Imelda for offering her services, and to Imelda and Els Pearse for acting as First Aiders last season; thankfully their services were not required.

Diary dates (dates in italics are voluntary electives; attendance expected at all others)

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](#) ((user name member password M4hler8D@rius22)).

- *22 to 25 September 2023 Mahler 2 in Monte Carlo (elective)*
- Saturday 28 October 2023 Durufle *Requiem*, and works by Saint-Saëns and Tavener, *Sheffield Nocturne* versions by Rachel Fright and Robin Morton. St Mark's Church, Broomhill. Self-funded. Compulsory piano rehearsal Tue 24 October 2023. Compulsory on-the-day rehearsal to be confirmed but probably 14.00 to 17.00
- Monday 20 November 2023, Birkdale School, carols with Black Dyke Band (recording session for their new Christmas CD). Compulsory piano rehearsal Tue 14 November 2023
- Tuesday 21 November 2023 – AGM followed by social
- *Sunday 10 December 2023: St Luke's Carol Service, Sheffield cathedral 2pm (elective)*
- Saturday 16 December 2023 Christmas Concert with Black Dyke Band, Petroc Trelawny presenter. SICS. One concert, 2.30pm. Compulsory piano rehearsal Tue 12 December 2023. Compulsory on-the-day rehearsal to be confirmed but probably 12.00 to 13.30.
- Saturday 16 March 2024, concert in Victoria Hall, self-funded; details yet to be sorted. Compulsory piano rehearsal Tue 12 March 2024. Compulsory on-the-day rehearsal to be confirmed but probably 14.00 to 17.00
- Late April or early May 2024 – Come and Sing event, Haydn's *Creation*, venue and date to be confirmed. Compulsory piano rehearsal yet to be confirmed
- Friday 21 June 2024 Mozart *Requiem*, Cadogan Hall London (arranged by IMG). Compulsory piano rehearsal Tue 18 June 2024
- Saturday 22 June 2024– Mozart *Requiem* with Flanders Symphony Orchestra. SICS. Also, Mozart *Don Giovanni*: Overture and Beethoven Symphony No.8. Compulsory piano rehearsal Tue 18 June 2024. Compulsory on-the-day rehearsal to be confirmed but probably 14.00 to 17.00
- Sunday 23 June 2024 Mozart *Requiem*, Usher Hall Edinburgh (arranged by IMG) Compulsory piano rehearsal Tue 18 June 2024
- *10 to 17 July 2024 Faure Requiem, mini tour in France (elective)*
- Saturday 21 June 2025 Mahler Symphony No 8, Chester Cathedral, Wrexham Symphony Orchestra. Compulsory piano rehearsal yet to be confirmed

Reminder - Invitation to St Mark's Diamond Anniversary Celebration Service 10am on 8 Oct 2023

Members are all invited to attend the Diamond Anniversary Celebration Service on Sunday, 8 October 2023 at 10am, either in person or on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/121626894> ID: 121-626-894). This is to celebrate the fact that it's sixty years since the church was reconsecrated after the original building was destroyed by an incendiary bomb in 1940. If you need a parking space or have any questions, please email office@stmarkssheffield.co.uk. If you are able to offer a donation please [follow this link](#) - thank you. For more information [please visit the newly updated website](#)

Darius concerts

- Mon 18 Sep 1.15pm, Leeds, St Anne's Cathedral
- Mon 16 Oct 1.15pm, Leeds, St Anne's Cathedral

- Wed 25 Oct Manchester, RNCM, Silent Film Improvisation - The Cabinet of Dr Caligari (Germany 1920)
- Tue 31 Oct 8pm, Leeds, Howard Assembly Rooms, Silent Film Improvisation - Jekyll & Hyde (UK 1920)
- Mon 27 Nov 1.15pm, Leeds, St Anne's Cathedral

Full list and details at <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/concerts/concerts-2023.html>

Singing opportunities

- St John's Ranmoor annual Come and Sing on 30th September 2023, rehearse from 11am, concert 7.30pm. Monteverdi's *Beatus Vir* and Heinrich Biber's *Requiem in F Minor* plus polychoral motets with double and triple choirs. Conducted by Philip Collin. Price £15 for participants, £10 for the concert, pay on the day. To book or find out more please email music@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk
- Mendelssohn's Elijah workshop on Saturday 14th October 2023 from 10.30am to 4.00pm at Wesley Hall Crookes, with Sheffield Bach Choir conducted by Philip Collin. Tickets £10 including refreshments; take own lunch. For further information and to book please see <https://sheffieldbachchoir.com/sheffield-bach-choir/current-season-concerts/>
- Come and Sing Vivaldi Gloria on Saturday 4 November 2023 from 10.30am to 5.30pm in Bents Green Methodist Church Knowle Lane S11 7PU. The day will be with Sheffield Music Makers conducted by Georgina Hulse and costs just £10 to include refreshments and music hire; please take your own lunch. To book please contact Hazel Page on 077620631613 or hazelpage@talktalk.net

A list of wider singing opportunities, compiled by Phil Harrison and provided by John Morgan, is on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Information / Singing Opportunities](#) (user name member password M4hler8D@rius22).

What's On

Classical Sheffield's What's On page tells you which classical concerts are scheduled around Sheffield: <https://classicalsheffield.org.uk/events>

What to do if your contact details change

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Weekly updates, Chorus and Classical Sheffield websites and passwords

If ever you don't receive the weekly update, please contact Membership Officer Marianne Grayson or read it on the website at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#). The user name is the word *member* and the password is *M4hler8D@rius22*; please don't share these.

The Members Area lists 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.

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

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