

NEW / IMPORTANT ITEMS (scroll down for further details)

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- **Come and Sing 24 May 2025 in Upper Chapel Sheffield (see Diary Dates)**
- **PLEASE use the special email to tell SPC about change of address, telephone or email (see bottom of every update)**

Next rehearsal is on Tuesday 1 October 2024 at Birkdale

The next rehearsal is on Tuesday 1 October at Birkdale School (map at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#)). We will rehearse the Boulanger Psalm 130 (hire charge £5).

The AGM will be at 20.30 following a shortened rehearsal; papers were circulated two weeks ago and are on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Official documents and minutes / AGM](#). Our annual cheese and wine social event will follow at 21.00 – members really enjoy this chance to chat to one another over some nibbles and wine or juice, do stay if you can!

Message from Helen Kirk: *“I will provide labels for you to wear on Tuesday evening. The idea is to help people to learn the names of new members and those of people whose names you don't know despite having been sitting near to them for ages and are now too embarrassed to ask. I hope you will all stay for the cheese and wine after the AGM. Thank you, Helen”*

For buses to the venue, see <https://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/>.

- Street parking unless arranged with Jim; restrictions end 18.30. Take bikes into the hall.
- Access via Endcliffe Cres or Caxton Road (slightly longer walk). Once inside Endcliffe Cres gate, go through door straight ahead (see map at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#)).
- Please stack your own chair at the end - or get someone to do it for you.
- Toilets near the hall. Disabled access to Ladies only; you may need to wait if it's in use.

Many thanks for your consideration regarding mobile 'phone interruptions and distractions. Please nudge the person next to you if they get out their mobile during the rehearsal; it's okay in emergencies of course but please leave the room. Many thanks.

Rehearsal notes and recordings (attachment)

Updated rehearsal notes from last week are attached so please use these to mark your score if you haven't already. The notes are also on the Chorus website, along with recordings of the Boulanger Psalm 130, at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the music](#). The recordings include one which scrolls through a full score as the recording proceeds, so you can see all the parts as you listen.

Pre-rehearsal workshops

Georgina Hulse, our Education and Outreach Officer, will be running a workshop from 18.30 to 18.55 before each of the rehearsals listed below, in the Octagon Room at Birkdale (apart from 8 October when we will be at St Mark's). The workshops will cover a range of topics including how to read music scores, how to prepare for rehearsals etc, with a focus on preparing for the next concert. However, Georgina is very happy to vary the content according to need. Please contact her if interested, at georginahulse@sheffieldphil.org

- Autumn (six workshops) September 24th; October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
- Spring (eight workshops) January 2^t & 28; February 4, 11, 18 & 25; March 4 & 11
- Summer (four workshops) June 6, 13, 20 and 27

Boulanger music

If you'd like to buy a score of Psalm 130 with all voice parts, here are some sources:

- https://www.prestomusic.com/sheet-music/search?search_query=lili%20boulanger%20psalm%20130
- <https://musicbook.shop/en/p/l-boulanger-psalm-130-choir-part>
- https://shop.bnote.de/en_GB/vocal/choir-from-4-voices/38308/boulanger-psalm-130-du-fond-de-l-abime-de-profundis-piano-reduction/choral-score

Rehearsal schedule

Please note that

- arrangements for the Boulanger compulsory conductor's piano rehearsal are still up in the air – please watch this space
- on-the-day rehearsal for the Boulanger concert on Friday 15 Nov has yet to be confirmed but will probably be from 16.00 to 17.30 in the City Hall - note earlier start than announced last week. There may be a bit of flexibility about folk who may be late, but this is a compulsory rehearsal so please make whatever arrangements you need to, to make sure you can be there.
- rehearsal on 8 Oct will be at St Mark's Broomhill, as Birkdale isn't free

These details are also in Diary dates (below) and on the Chorus website at Members Area / Diary dates Darius will upload the rehearsal schedule for the coming season in due course, at <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/currentschedule.pdf>, there's also a link from the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#) (user name member password M4hler8D@rius22).

Volunteer needed to join the Repertoire Planning Group

The committee has set up a sub-group to plan possible future concerts and repertoire. The group will be led by Darius and trustee members are Jo Briddock, Marianne Grayson and Anne Adams. It will usually meet via Zoom but occasionally after rehearsals. The committee would like a Chorus member who isn't on the committee, to join this group. All members will, of course, be able to make suggestions about potential repertoire, via any of the members of the sub-group. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Anne Adams.

Rehearsal tracks

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

Music folders with up-to-date logo are available at rehearsals, from Sally and Marianne, price £7.50. No obligation. Narrow black elastic wound round the spine a few times holds multiple copies of sheet music and can't be seen by the audience.

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).

2024-25

- Friday 15 November 2024, 7pm, Lili Boulanger Psalm 130 with the Halle at City Hall (first half) Second half features Darius on the organ with the Saint-Saens Fantaisie in Eb major for organ and his wonderful Symphony No.3, "Organ". SICS*. NB arrangements for the Boulanger compulsory conductor's piano rehearsal are currently up in the air – please watch this space. On-the-day rehearsal to be confirmed but probably 16.00 to 17.30 in the City Hall.
- Saturday 14 December 2024, 2.30pm, Christmas Carol Concert with Black Dyke Band, presenter Zeb Soanes, at City Hall SICS*. On-the-day rehearsal to be confirmed but probably 12.00 to 13.30.
- *Sunday 15 December 2024 St Lukes carol Service (elective)*
- *Sometime in December 2024 Carols at Bents Green School (elective)*
- Sunday 23 March 2025, 7pm, St Marie's cathedral, final concert of the Classical Sheffield Festival Weekend: Young Composer Competition winner(s), two new works by composer Stephen Johnston, and the Faure *Requiem* (self funded, part-sponsored by Stephen Johnston). On-the-day rehearsal to be arranged, may not be in St Marie's.
- Saturday 24 May 2025 – self funded Come and Sing in the Upper Chapel (where we held the last one), programme and details still to be sorted..
- Sunday 8 June 2025 4pm, Haydn *Creation*, Matthew Hamilton and the Halle at City Hall SICS*. On-the-day rehearsal to be arranged.

*SICS = concert is part of the Sheffield International Concert Season

Darius concerts

Darius took part in an amazing project called "The Great Storm" over the summer, playing the world premiere of James Wood's new work "*Tempestas in Memoriam*" alongside three other organists on four different organs in cathedrals in four nations. The work commemorates the storm of 1674 which tore through Europe. Live-streamed via ground-breaking technology on 1 August, you can hear and watch on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-Vryei3sPI> (scroll across to 15.15 when the introduction starts)

- Monday 14 October, 1.15pm Leeds, St Anne's Cathedral
- Thursday 24 October, 7.30pm, RNCM Manchester – silent film *The General*
- Sunday 27 October, 7.30pm, Waingate Chapel Hebden Bridge – silent film TBC
- Thursday 31 October, 7.30pm, Howard Assembly Rooms Leeds – silent film *Dr Caligari*
- Fri 1 & Sat 2 November, 7pm Heptonstall Church – silent film *Helen of Four Gates*
- Monday 11 November, 1.15pm Leeds, St Anne's Cathedral
- Monday 9 December, 1.15pm Leeds, St Anne's Cathedral

Full list and details on Darius's website at <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/index.html>

Singing opportunities

- **Sat 5 Oct and further dates – Halle Choral Academy Projects** Hallé Choral Academy Projects are on offer, starting with Vivaldi 'Gloria' in October over four sessions. Check out <https://halle.co.uk/project/halle-choral-academy/>, for further details and to sign up.
- **Sat 5 & Sun 6 Oct 2024 – Baroque Opera Choruses** Sing opera choruses with Nottingham Festival Chorus conducted by Alex Robinson. 12.00 to 18.00, cost £45. Sat is in Clifton, Sun in Beeston. See music-for-everyone.org for details and to book.
- **Sat 19 October – Durufle Requiem, accompanied by Darius** Philip Collin will lead the day, at St John's Ranmoor, the Durufle plus Poulenc's *Litanies à la vierge noire* (sops and altos) and Arvo Pärt's *De Profundis* (tenors and basses). Day starts 11am, performance 7.30pm. in the evening. You need to have sung any the works before or to read music reasonably well. Cost £15, payable on the day. Concert £10, pay on the door. To sign up or find out more please email music@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk
- **Sat 2 Nov 2024 – Messiah Choruses** Sing Messiah Choruses with Sheffield Music Makers conducted by Georgina Hulse, on Saturday 2 November from 10am to 5.30pm at

Bents Green Methodist Church. £15 including refreshments, lunch not provided. Contact hazelpage@talktalk.net or ring Hazel on 07762 631613.

- **Sat 9 Nov 2024 - Jenkins Requiem and Vaughan Williams Dona Nobis Pacem.** Sheffield Oratorio Chorus is inviting singers to join them on Saturday 9th November 2024 in Ecclesall Parish Church to sing Karl Jenkins Requiem and Vaughan Williams Dona Nobis Pacem. Fee £25, rehearsals at St Andrew's Psalter Lane on 4, 11, 18, 25 September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 October 6 November. Entry forms available at rehearsal.
- **Sat 9 Nov 2024 – Carmina Burana** Chesterfield Philharmonic Choir invite us to join them to rehearse and sing *Carmina Burana*, plus music by Jenkins, Whitacre, Fanshawe and Stephens. Rehearsals at Central Methodist Church, Chesterfield on Thursday evenings, 7.15pm - 9.30pm, first rehearsal on Thursday 29 August. Concert in Central Methodist Church, Saltergate, Chesterfield at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 9 November 2024. For more information and contact details, see <http://www.chestphilchoir.org.uk>

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). **Note Haydn's Creation with CBSO on Sunday 2 Feb 2025.**

What's On

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

Reminder - Book about SPC's World Tour in 1911

Newer members may not know that in 1911 Sheffield Musical Union, the choir that became SPC, went on a remarkable world tour with a number of other Yorkshire choirs, covering 34,000 miles and giving 134 concerts in Canada, The United States, Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania and South Africa. This unique event is documented in a book by Christopher Wiltshire using letters written by young soprano May Midgley to her family. The book '**12 Oak Avenue – the letters of May Midgely 1911**' was [featured in the Yorkshire Post on 28 July 2018](#) and in the [Sheffield Telegraph in May 2019](#). Read more on the Chorus website at [About Us / Recordings and books / World tour book](#)

Due to continued demand, the book has been reprinted and can be purchased from Chris using the email midgleybooksales@sheffieldphil.org

SPC Social WhatsApp group

The Chorus has set up a WhatsApp group for anyone who wants to keep in touch socially, share choir/music info and photos and engage in friendly, supportive and encouraging chat. If you use WhatsApp and fancy joining in, just search for **SPC Social**.

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 or read it on the website at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#) User name member password 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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