

### **NEW and/or IMPORTANT ITEMS (scroll down for further details)**

- **Members Area: User Name member Password M4hler8D@rius22**
- **Arrangements for the Come and Sing day (attachment)**
- **Check singing list (attachment)**
- **Chatsworth info including rehearsal dates**
- **Photos and artifacts from Bochum visits**
- **Creation on-the-day rehearsal time confirmed (see Diary Dates)**
- **Programme for 2025-26 almost all confirmed (see Dairy Dates)**
- **Change of contact details – tell us via [emailchange2019@sheffieldphil.org](mailto:emailchange2019@sheffieldphil.org)**

### **Next rehearsal is Tue 20 May 2025 at St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church 7-9pm**

This will be the conductor's piano rehearsal of *Creation* with Matthew Hamilton, (see revised schedule <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/currentschedule.pdf>). If you miss this rehearsal, you will still be able to sing in the concert **as long as you attend two of the final three rehearsals, ie 20 and 27 May and 3 June.**

- Rehearsal notes, recordings and rehearsal tracks for the Come Sing and Haydn's *Creation* are on the website at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Prepare the Music](#).
- For buses to St Andrew's, see <https://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/>.
- Street parking BUT NOT CHERRY TREE DRIVE! Take bikes into the foyer.
- Car parking spaces available by arrangement with Anne Adams only
- Toilets at front of church, through doors either side, follow signs. Accessible loo in foyer.
- All members welcome to The Stag after rehearsal, only a short walk from St Andrew's. New members are particularly welcome so come along for a drink and a good natter.
- 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.

### **Arrangements for the Come and Sing Day (two attachments)**

Arrangements are attached and on the website at [Members Area / Concert Arrangements](#).

**Please check the attached singing list for the event** and let your Voice Rep and Marianne know if you are on the list but unable to sing as soon as possible so we will know how many paying visitors we can admit on the day.

We have sold 38 visiting singer tickets of 80 available, and 24 of 40 free audience tickets. Please share the Facebook and Instagram that went out recently if you use those platforms. Please do some extra work at home on the repertoire, so we make a good impression on our visitors. Many thanks.

### **Chatsworth music**

Thank you to those who have signed up to sing. We could still do with a few tenors!!! The music will be available soon. Information, including a list of the music and rehearsal dates, is on our website at [Members Area / Electives](#).

### **Georgina's workshops**

Georgina's pre-rehearsal workshops are in the room at the front of church 18.30 to 18.55. All welcome, new members especially. Workshops on 20 and 27 May.

### **Photos and artifacts from Bochum visits**

Thanks to all who have said they will donate items for the City Council's Bochum exhibition – much appreciated. Further items welcome – contact Anne Adams.

### **Rehearsal schedule**

Full schedule is on Darius's website at <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/currentschedule.pdf>, there's also a link from the members area of the [Chorus website \(in Rehearsals\)](#). See also Diary dates (below and Chorus website at [Members Area / Diary dates](#))

**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 Chorus website as soon as they become available so that members can plan ahead, at [Members Area / Diary dates](#)

**2024-25**

- **Saturday 24 May 2025 10.30 to 19.00** – self funded Come and Sing English Anthems in Upper Chapel. Darius conducting, Rachel Fright piano and Peter Shepherd organ. Refreshments and cake at break time (choir donations). Tickets for visiting singers online via SPC website Audience tickets FREE but tickets essential, get these online as well.
- **Sunday 8 June 2025 16.00**, Haydn *Creation*, Matthew Hamilton and the Halle at City Hall SICS\*. Conductor rehearsal is now Tuesday 20 May, Matthew can only come that day. Apologies but he has only just let us know. On-the-day rehearsal 11.00 to 14.00.
- **Saturday 12 July 2025 Chatsworth, 13.00** Elective event. Free garden ticket per person who signs up. Georgina Hulse will conduct.

**2025-26** – all but two dates have now been confirmed (see below)

- **Saturday 1 November 2025**, St Marie's Cathedral, organ 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert. Jonathan Dove *Seek Him that maketh the Seven Stars*, Cassie White *for music like the sea*, Stanford *Blue Bird*, organ solo (Darius), Coleridge Taylor *Lea Shore & Summer is Gone*, Balfour Gardiner *Evening Hymn* INTERVAL Lili Boulanger *Hymne au Soleil*, Durufle motets, organ solo, *Messe Solennelle* Jean Langlais (double organ). Soloists from choir. Neil Taylor, James Mitchell, Darius organists
- **Tuesday 9 December 2025, City Hall – to be confirmed**
- **Saturday 13 December 2025**, 14.30, City Hall (SICS) Carol concert with Black Dyke Band, presenter Josie D'Arby, programme to include a carol by Rachel Fright
- *Sunday 14 December 2025, 2pm cathedral, St Luke's carol service – date confirmed*
- **Friday 6 February 2026**, 19.00, City Hall (SICS) Arvo Part *Lament* with Manchester Camerata
- Saturday in April/May – Come and Sing event – date to be confirmed
- *Friday 9 May 2026, Crookes Social Club, SPC Ceilidh plus Pie and Pea supper, date confirmed*
- **Sunday 7 June 2026**, City Hall, 16.00 (SICS) *Elijah* with Halle conducted by Matthew Hamilton

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

**Darius concerts**

See Darius's website at <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/concerts/concerts-2025.html>

**Reminder - what to do if locked out of the website**

If you are unfortunate enough to be locked out of the website (usually due to typing in the wrong password three times), rest assured – it is set such that you can try again after just 5 minutes! The user name and password are at the top of every weekly update, including the short version that goes out by email.

**Rehearsal tracks from Choraline**

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.

**Singing opportunities**

- **Seeds of Hope:** A Feminist Requiem 13 September 2025, St Mark's Broomhill The requiem was written by Penny Stone in memory of her amazing feminist mum, Sue Stone, and brings together the words of women from all over the world from 575 until the present day. Three workshops plus a concert, for further details check out the website at: <https://singlouderthanguns.com/seeds-of-hope-a-feminist-requiem/>
- **Spem in Alium** on Saturday 4 October 2025 Martin Lightower will lead a day of rehearsing this fantastic work plus a few motets, helped by Helen Cowen, Helen Thompson and Kate Shipway. Split choir rehearsals in the morning at King Edward VII School, afternoon rehearsing in St Mark's Church before the final run through and performance. To register interest see <https://5from500.co.uk/spem-in-alium/>
- **Messiah** Saturday 11 October Open to all singers – a fantastic chance to explore Handel's Messiah choruses. Tickets available now: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bfcs/t-yaxypkp>

All up-coming opportunities for singing locally are on the Chorus website, along with a list of wider singing opportunities compiled by Phil Harrison and provided by John Morgan, in the [Members Area, Information, Singing opportunities](#).

### What's On

Classical Sheffield's website lists all local concerts: <https://classicalsheffield.org.uk/events>

### 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 & Classical Sheffield websites/passwords, WhatsApp

- If ever you don't receive the weekly update, please read it on the website at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#).
- 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 Chorus WhatsApp group is at SPC Social. Please don't post personal or music-related details about other SPC members or ex-members without their permission!

### Contact emails

These are all listed on the Chorus website in the [Members Area / Chorus Contacts](#)