

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

- **Members Area: User Name member Password M4hler8D@rius22**
- **Next rehearsal Tue 30 Sep 2025 staggered start and end times – see below**
- **Rehearsal tracks for Cassie White piece available on our website**
- **Georgina's workshop IS going ahead (see below)**
- **URGENT – we still need a Secretary and a tenor voice rep!**
- **Reminder – last chance to complete Membership Survey (attachment)**
- **Reminder - AGM and social Tue 7 Oct 2025 – and goodbye to Donald Watts**
- **Reminder - Sam West event in Sheffield Wed 8 Oct 2025**
- **Reminder - Chorus trip to see 'The Choral' at the Showroom Sun 12 Oct 2025**
- **Diary Dates – for all SEVEN concerts plus electives known so far**
- **Singing Opportunities – two opportunities to sing *Messiah* in Sheffield**
- **Change of contact details – tell us via emailchange2019@sheffieldphil.org**

Next rehearsal Tue 30 Sep 2025 – staggered start and end times

Our next rehearsal is on Tuesday 30 September 2025 in St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church. Sopranos and altos from 18.45 to 20.45, tenors and basses from 19.15 to 21.15 so we can rehearse Cassie White's piece as sectionals (we're too big for the back room).

Our soon-to-be Concert Planning Officer alto Ros Hobson has very kindly produced a set of rehearsal tracks (notes only) for the Cassie White piece, see Chorus website (link below).

Georgina's singing workshop will go ahead but with a bit of tweaking – turn up at 6.30 as usual to start, and to see how she will organise it for each voice part. It's for help with choral singing techniques, including sight singing, and to prepare for up-coming concerts; content can be tailored to suit those who sign up. All welcome, including people who are trying us out. From 18.30 in the back room at St Andrew's Psalter Lane church.

The programme for the first concert is listed on our website at Sheffieldphil.org / [Current season](#), with links to rehearsal tracks and recordings of most of the music including *for music like the sea* at [Members Area / Preparing the music](#)

Urgent – we need a Secretary and a Tenor Voice Rep

We really do need someone to take over the general Secretary duties when Anne Adams steps down at the AGM. This is now a very much-reduced role from that undertaken by Anne and previous role holders. Also, Anne has completed the rehearsal set-up for the coming season, and the AGM organisation and papers, so a lot less to do in 2025-26. Annual schedule plus templates available – and Anne is happy to help. See [Members Area / Chorus Organisation](#) for details – the page has been amended to show what has been done for this year. If you think you could take over as Secretary please contact any member of the committee as soon as possible.

We also need a Tenor Voice Rep – any volunteers from among the tenors please?

Reminder – last chance to complete the Membership Survey (attachment)

Many thanks to all those who have responded to the membership survey which will help Darius, the committee and other helpers to plan, organise and improve the choir. The link is below, and the list of past concerts attached. Link and attachment also at [Members Area / Weekly Update](#) Please respond by the end of September. Many thanks.

<https://forms.office.com/e/wxUUn7Bhik>

Reminder about the AGM and social – and goodbye to Donald Watts (attachment)

- The 89th AGM will be on Tue 07 Oct 2025 at 8.30pm, after a shortened rehearsal; it usually takes just 30 minutes, so ends at the standard time of 9pm.

- The formal notice and papers were distributed by email on 22 Sep 2025; they are also on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Official Documents / AGM](#).
- We will hold our wine and cheese social after the AGM; this will start with an official farewell to Donald Watts, who is leaving after an amazing 58 years of great service in the second tenors, so do try to stay for that if you can!
- Bass Andy Dykes is collecting on behalf of Social Events Officer Helen Kirk, to cover the cost of the wine and cheese, so please contribute if you can; £3 is suggested.
- Please let Helen know if you can help on the night.
- There is one vacancy, for Secretary. The role has been much reduced compared to the Administrator role which it replaces; details at [Members Area / Chorus Organisation](#)
- A Nomination form is attached and should be completed and submitted to Anne Adams by Tuesday 30 September at the latest.

Reminder - an evening with Sam West Wed 8 Oct 2025 19.00 for 19.45

Jane Monach invites us to “**An evening in the company of Samuel West**”, in Crookes Social Club on Wednesday 8th October, doors open 7pm for a 7:45pm start. Tickets £20, from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-in-the-company-of-samuel-west-tickets-1643876521929?aff=oddtcreator>

Reminder - ‘The Choral’ - film at the Showroom Sun 12 Oct 2025

Join other members to see ‘The Choral’ at the Showroom Sun 12 Oct 2025 at 15.30. Book your own ticket, meet at the Showroom. The film, written by Alan Bennett, stars Ralph Fiennes, Roger Allam and Mark Addy. Set in Yorkshire, it follows members of the local choral society which recruits a group of teenagers for a performance of Gerontius. See <https://showroomcinema.org.uk/film/lff-the-choral>

Rehearsal schedule

Darius has completed the rehearsal schedule for this season, see his website <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 [Members Area / Diary dates](#))

Georgina’s workshops

Below are the dates for the coming season; email GeorginaHulse@sheffieldphil.org

- Sep 16, 23 & 30, Oct 7, 14 & 21, Nov 4, 11, 18 & 25
- Feb 10, 17 & 24, Mar 3, 10 & 17, Apr 14, 21 & 28, May 5

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

Confirmed concert, piano and tutti rehearsal dates, times and locations, are posted on the Chorus website as soon as they become available, at [Members Area / Diary dates](#)

2025-26 – all seven official season dates now confirmed (see below) and on our website at <https://sheffieldphil.org/home/concerts/current-season/>

- Saturday 1 November 2025, 19.30, St Marie’s Cathedral, organ 150th anniversary concert. Soloists from choir. Organists Neil Taylor and James Mitchell. There will be seating for the choir when we’re not singing (and for those who need it on the altar). Piano rehearsal at St Andrew’s the Tuesday before, on-the-day rehearsal 14.00 to 17.30.
- Tuesday 9 December 2025, 19.30, City Hall. Halle orchestra live accompaniment to big-screen showing of the film “Home Alone”; we’ll sing the main theme and the in-film carols
- Saturday 13 December 2025, 14.30, City Hall (SICS) Carol concert with Black Dyke Band, BBC presenter Josie D’Arby, programme to include a carol composed by Rachel Fright. Carol concert running order is at [Concert Arrangements](#)
- *Sunday 14 December 2025, 14.00 cathedral, St Luke’s carol service – date confirmed*

- Friday 6 February 2026, 19.00, City Hall (SICS) Arvo Part *Adam's Lament* with Manchester Camerata. Compulsory conductor piano rehearsal Tue 27 Jan 2026
- Saturday 21 March 2026 – Come and Sing event all day – Vivaldi *Gloria* plus others
- Friday 8 May 2026, Crookes Social Club, SPC Ceilidh & Pie and Pea supper
- Saturday 16 May 2026, 19.30, cathedral, Last Night of the Proms with Brigantes orchestra conducted by Quentin Clare. *Planets, Blest Pair of Sirens, Rule Britannia* etc.
- 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.

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 – new version on our website

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](#).

- **Invitation to sing *Messiah* in Cutler's Hall with Sheffield Bach Choir Mon 1 Dec 7pm** Sheffield Bach Choir conductor Philip Collin invites anyone who would like to take part to drop him a line at philipajcollin@gmail.com. *"I obviously need to keep an eye on balance so can't promise that everyone can join but there will be availability in all voice parts. You would need to be able to attend the two Mon rehearsals preceding (7.30-9.30 at Cemetery Road Baptist Church). The performance is at Cutlers Hall, 7pm. It would be fantastic if some of you could join us. Thank you and best wishes, Philip"*. No charge.
- **Come and Sing *Messiah* in Sheffield Cathedral Sat 22 Nov 2025** Sheffield Cathedral Choir is hosting a Come and Sing *Messiah* event on Sat 22 Nov 2025. Morning workshop with conductor Tom Daggett, afternoon rehearsal with choir and orchestra and evening concert at 7.30 pm. Singer tickets £25 to support the cathedral's School Singing Programme. Details & registration at [Come and Sing Messiah](#)

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 at [Members Area / Chorus Contacts](#)

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