

Dear member of Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus

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Next rehearsal Tue 18 November 2025 St Andrew's Psalter Lane, 7-9pm.

We will be rehearsing CHRISTMAS music. Apologies that this is another change to our rehearsal schedule, but there has been a delay in the arrival of the Arvo Pärt scores. They will be here in time for the rehearsal on Tues 25th Nov, so Adam's Lament will be rehearsed then.

Georgina's workshop will be held 6:30-6:55 in the back room. See [Workshops](#) for details, and [Weekly Updates](#) for dates

Running the chorus - vacancies

It may appear to you as members that we are coping without Anne - and it is true that many of the roles she played are now being very ably filled by Ros (event planning), Jo (governance), Rachel Mallaband (contracting), and others, but that still leaves the much-reduced Secretary role vacant. Existing committee members are trying to cover this temporarily, but it is a strain on people who already have significant roles in the running of our chorus, and we urgently need help. Please see [Secretary role description](#) and consider coming forward, lest we collapse!

We are also considering succession planning: our Librarian Alan and Finance Officer Jane have let us know that they will be standing down at the next AGM, Oct 2026. If you might consider taking on either of these key positions, please could you contact JoanneBriddock@sheffieldphil.org, or speak to Jo, Alan or Jane at a rehearsal to know more about what is involved. Role descriptions are here: [Chorus organisation](#)

Library store

We are searching for a new place to store our music. It is currently kept in a high room in Broomhill Library, involving a less than ideal toil up and down narrow spiral stairs every time music is moved. If anyone has access to a dry ground floor room or outbuilding, with good access for parking etc, or knows of a local business that might be able to offer storage space we are keen to hear from you. We can pay a small fee but are obviously keen to keep costs down. Please speak to Alan at rehearsals or contact AlanAnderson@sheffieldphil.org

Sheffield City Hall Christmas concert Saturday 13th December 2025

Please can you let Ros know via email if you have any additional needs for the above concert RosalindHobson@sheffieldphil.org

Christmas electives:

BENTS GREEN SCHOOL CAROLS (2pm, 9 December 2025)

ST LUKE'S CAROL SERVICE, SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL (2pm, 14 December 2025)

There will be sign-up sheets in the foyer for these events at this Tuesday's rehearsal. Each event has its own sheet so if you wish to be involved in both events, please sign both sheets. Each sheet gives the details of each event (please take a photograph for your own reference). Thank you Ros

Brigantes concert Sat 16th May 2026, Planets and Last Night of the Proms. Please read and respond to our poll.

Please see attached an information document about the decision-making around this concert, as introduced by Darius at last week's rehearsal. Please read and let us know whether you intend to sing in this concert, here: [Brigantes concert poll](#)

New singing opportunities:


- **Celebrating St Cecilia's Day at St Marie's cathedral - Come and Sing. Saturday 22nd November 2025 10:00-11:30am** Parry *I was glad*, Haydn *The heavens are telling* and *Insanae et vanae curae*, Bruckner *Locus iste* and Bach *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring*. Music provided, all welcome, especially experienced singers. See attached flyer for details of how to sign up
- **Sheffield Youth Orchestra Community Day, Saturday 18th April 2026, St Mark's Broomhill**
Message from Kate Wilson: Would anyone like to join me to sing "Alice in Wonderland" with this

joyful and inspiring group of young musicians? Rehearsal with the orchestra 3:00pm-4:00pm, community performance 4:15pm-4:45pm. No cost/remuneration either way (although donations towards the orchestra who fund this through subs and donations gratefully received). Please contact Kate on catherinewilson@yahoo.co.uk for further details and to sign up.

Support Joe Bannerjee and Classical Sheffield event

The festive season begins at Orchard Square on Thursday 20th Nov, with Classical Sheffield's pop-up choir conducted by our Joe Banerjee! Please come and support from 5:30pm outside the Sheffield Plate in Orchard Square, Kids Eat Free @ Sheffield Plate from 16:00 - 18:00, Free Mince Pies from 17:00. Classical Sheffield will be distributing lyric sheets from 17:00 as well to encourage as much audience participation as possible!

[Preparing the music](#) including Christmas running order and recordings etc for all the concerts this season

[2025-26 Rehearsal schedule](#) REVISED: Don't forget to refresh the page ( top left) or you'll see the old schedule.

[2025-26 Diary dates](#)

[Darius' concerts](#)

[Singing opportunities](#)

Please see our website for all other details.

Best wishes, **Marianne**

Marianne Grayson Membership Officer

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