

UPDATE FOR SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2025

Dear member of Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus

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Next rehearsal Tue 6 January 2026, St Andrew's Church Psalter Lane, 7-9pm. (no rehearsal on 16 Dec)

We will be rehearsing Arvo Pärt Adams Lament.

Message from our President Rachel Copley

"May I firstly thank all who sang in the Christmas events? At Bents Green and at the Cathedral, music that will have had such an impact on all who listened, bringing joy and solace in equal measure. And, wow, what a Carol Concert that was on Saturday! To have a full City Hall to look out on was an absolute delight (when not watching Darius of course!) and to deliver exciting and moving music was what it's all about.

I send to you all my very best wishes for Christmas, celebrated with those that you love, and for a happy and healthy New Year, and here's to more music making with the marvellous Sheffield Phil in 2026. Rachel Copley"

Message from Ros Hobson

"Thank you to all of you for a fabulous Christmas Carol Concert - one of our best, I think. Some of you know I was a little nervous about the choir risers and the stamping but with Darius' guidance we were able to put our best feet down and forward (pun intended!).

Indeed, the concert was a triumph, the singing was on point, the decorations were splendid and the sherry and mince pies very enjoyable - it's always a pleasure to socialise with choir members. The Black Dyke Band sounded as wonderful as ever! Thank you to everyone who helped with all the extra bits and to all of you for doing us proud.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a happy holiday season and a peaceful New Year. I'm very much looking forward to singing with you all again in 2026. Ros"

SPC Social WhatsApp group

We have an SPC Social WhatsApp group. If you would like to be added to this group, please email me (RosalindHobson@sheffieldphil.org) your name and mobile number and I will add you to the group. Ros

Feedback from yesterday's Carol Concert

I was extremely sorry to miss yesterday's concert due to sickness but feedback indicates it was a triumph.

"Feedback from my family was that they still loved O Holy Night the most but had really enjoyed the programme, especially the stamping and clicking! and found it all very uplifting. Perfect for setting the scene for Christmas."

"Well done everyone – beautiful singing and an interesting and varied programme. Christmas has officially started."

"My first visit to one of your concerts, flawless singing, not one false entry, powerful and uplifting, can't wait for next Christmas!"

[Preparing the music](#)

[2025-26 Rehearsal schedule](#)

[2025-26 Diary dates](#) NEW: 6 Feb 2026 the compulsory on-the-day tutti rehearsal for Arvo Pärt concert will start at 16:30. Please note this a Friday.

[Darius' concerts](#)

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Please see our website for all other details.

I'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and here's to a Happy New Year of singing for us all in 2026. Christine Pennington

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