



UPDATE ON FUTURE CHOIR ACTIVITIES

It is quite a while since the last newsletter was issued in April 2020 - and so this update is long overdue! Although the Choir was not able to meet for most of 2020 due to the pandemic, the Choir Committee was still able to meet regularly on Zoom in order to plan for when we are able to reconvene. The Government's vaccination programme and its plans for easing lockdown restrictions seem to be on track and going well. In view of this, the Committee is very hopeful that the choir will be able to restart in the summer. So, here are two dates for your diaries:

1. Subject to the relaxing of Covid restrictions, the first event will be the Bob Chilcott Singing Day on **Saturday 31 July 2021**; and then,
2. Following that, we hope that the choir will be able to recommence regular rehearsals on **Monday 6 September 2021**. In the meantime, we hope that you all keep safe and well over the next few weeks.

Bob Chilcott Singing Day - Saturday 31st July 2021

A Singing Day led by Bob Chilcott was arranged for last summer but is now planned for Saturday 31 July 2021. Bob Chilcott is a British choral composer, conductor and singer; and was a member of the King's Singers from 1985 to 1997, singing tenor. The Singing Day will be open to both choir members and others who enjoy singing. Please put the date in your diary as it will be our first opportunity to sing together again since the start of the pandemic!

Venue: the Singing Day will be at Christchurch on Clarendon Park Road. The venue given previously (St John's Church on Clarendon Park Road) is no longer available.

AUTUMN 2021 - THE CHOIR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Assuming that the choir is able to meet again in September, the AGM will take place on **Monday 6th September 2021 at 7pm** at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road. The agenda and other AGM papers will be sent to paid up members later in May.

All the Committee positions of Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Concert Secretary, Librarian, Assistant Librarian & Wardrobe Mistress will become vacant at the AGM. Some of the existing post holders may decide to stand for re-election, but it is open to all other choir members to stand as well. We encourage any singer to offer to help and stand as a Committee member.

After the AGM, we will begin rehearsals for the Autumn Concert on Saturday 13th November 2021.

CHOIR MEMBERSHIP

We are always keen to try and recruit new members so that we have enough singers in each voice section. If you know someone who is interested in choral music, please encourage them to come along and give us a try. No auditions required, just the ability to hold a tune! Some experience of reading music would be helpful, but not essential. Newcomers will also have 3-4 weeks to try us out before we ask for subscriptions!



CONCERTS FOR 2021/22 Here are some more future dates for your diaries:-

Autumn Concert - Saturday 13th November 2021

Mood and Spirit - including music by John Rutter, Howard Goodall, Eric Whitacre and Bob Chilcott.

Remembrance Day Service, Victoria Park - Sunday 14th November 2021

No information is available yet.

Christmas Concert - Saturday 18th December 2021

“Hallelujah! Carols and Messiah Choruses”

PPG - David Boulter, Sandra Brits, Jane Gurman and Sue Mitchell.

Workshop - date to be arranged.

Spring Concert - Saturday 7th May 2022

Gounod - St Cecilia Mass and Beethoven - Mass in C.

PPG - Margaret Bonney, David Toseland, Lavinia Venable and Julia Wormleighton.

Autumn Concert - Saturday 12th November 2022

An Evening of Mozart - including Litany, Ave Verum Corpus, Missa Brevis and Exsultate Jubilate. PPG - Clive Hilton, Julie Slawson and Richard Archer.

Attending rehearsals and singing in the concert

We encourage singers to attend each rehearsal to learn the music and the interpretation. It is important to attend rehearsals regularly. If you miss too many rehearsals, you may feel that you should not sing in the concert. We are also keen that all members sing in concerts, unless they are unable to due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances.

Contacts

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Forthcoming concert dates

2021: 13/11/2021, 18/12/2021

2022: 07/05/2022, 12/11/2022