



Choir Diary 2024-2025 Updated April 2024

REMINDERS

Please always inform the Choir Secretary (*Barbara Hathaway: hathaway558@btinternet.com or 07771 997 473*) of absence from a rehearsal. If emailing, please do so by 5.30pm on the day of the rehearsal; if later, by text.

All singers need to attend a minimum 80% of rehearsals, including the final Wednesday rehearsal, for a concert programme in order to sing in the concert, unless they otherwise have the Conductor's permission to do so.

If you are unable to perform at any concert, please inform the Concert Secretary (*Corinna Gregory: birminghambachconcerts@yahoo.com*) at the earliest opportunity. You are otherwise expected to sing in every concert unless a genuine emergency prevents you from doing so. For on-the-day problems please email Corinna, or in dire emergency text Barbara as above.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscription of £252 (reduced rates for full time students and singers aged 25 and under – please contact the Treasurer as below) per season for 3 terms in advance is due by 31 October, unless paying STO/other quarterly. Please use the new bank details for transfers and STO payments.

Rates for 23/24 season (new rates for 24/25 from Sept 24.

Due dates if paying in four £63 instalments:
30 Sept; 31 Dec; 31 March; 30 June

Gift Aid: tax-payers are encouraged to complete a "Gift Aid Declaration" form since this enables the Choir to reclaim income tax on your behalf. Forms available on request. Please see Pauline Hygate or email treasurer.birmingham.bachchoir@gmail.com .

2024

No rehearsals 27 March and 3 April.

Rehearsals resume 10 April.

Saturday 27 April – Come and Sing Wylde Green URC church Britwell Road B73 5SW 2pm – 6pm Puccini Messa di Gloria

Wednesday 1 May – SSJH unavailable due to late notice election requirements. Venue tba

Saturday 4 May – extra rehearsal, 10.30am – 3.30pm. Venue Wylde Green URC church Britwell Road B73 5SW

Wednesday 22 May – evening rehearsal venue Wylde Green URC church Britwell Road B73 5SW (SSJH not available)

Saturday 29 June and 6 July – concerts 29 June St Mary Warwick, 6 July Birmingham St Alban's (in-concert recording at St Alban's of The Dear Bargain and Sound the Invisible Trumps; other items to be added from subsequent programmes)

David Bednall	The Dear Bargain
Organ music	
Bernstein	Chichester Psalms
Interval	
Elgar	Give unto the Lord
Organ music	
Paul Spicer	Sound the Invisible Trumps

NOTE: Saturday 6th July: all singers to remain for up to an hour after the concert to complete any patching needed for the recording.

Sunday 14th July – annual Garden Party at Parkside, by kind invitation of Mr Spicer.

2024– 25 season

Rehearsals resume **Wednesday 4 September** (tbc)

Saturday 23 November – concert venue tbc. ?St Paul's (Jewellery Quarter)

The Rainbow Comes and Goes

Eric Whitacre

Three Flower Songs

Alan Rawsthorne

Four Seasonal Songs

Britten

Flower Songs

Interval

John Ireland

Immortality

The Hills

Richard Rodney Bennett

The Glory and the Dream

Sunday 15 December – Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, St Albans tbc

2025

Rehearsals resume **Wednesday 8 January**

Come and Sing date and repertoire tbc

Saturday 5 April – Michael Palmer memorial concert

Bach B minor Mass Lichfield Cathedral

Late May – possible tour to Krakow

Saturday 5 July Malvern Priory – concert (NB only one summer concert currently planned in anticipation of choir tour and rehearsal time)

La belle France

Poulenc

Chansons Françaises

Debussy

Trois Chansons de Charles d'Orleans

Fauré

Cantique de Jean Racine

Ravel

Trois Chansons

Interval

Fauré

Requiem

July 2025 Reauditions following concert.

2025 – 26 season

Rehearsals resume 3 or 10 September tbc