



Choir Diary 2025-2027

Updated March 2025

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 £260 (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.
NB new rates next season.

Due dates if paying in four instalments (£65 per quarter)
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 .

2025

Saturday 5 April – Michael Palmer memorial concert
Bach B minor Mass Lichfield Cathedral. Choir rehearsal from 3.30pm.
Performance 7pm.

No rehearsals Wednesdays 9,16 and 23 April NB very late Easter

Wednesday 30 April - rehearsals resume

Saturday 7 June – all day rehearsal: Wylde Green United Reformed Church
10.30 – 3.30

Wednesday 18 June – rehearsal will instead be on Thursday 19 June:
Instead: **Fish and Chip Supper at Dad's Lane F&C details to follow**

Thursday 19 June – evening rehearsal Cotteridge (in lieu of Wednesday
due to venue availability)

Saturday 5 July Malvern Priory – concert (NB only one summer concert)

La Belle France

Poulenc	Chansons Françaises
Debussy	Trois Chansons de Charles d'Orleans
Fauré	Cantique de Jean Racine
Interval	
Hepplewhite	Song of Flight (premiere)
Fauré	Requiem

Plus organ piece(s)

Re-auditions - all at Cotteridge in usual rehearsal venue.

Wednesday 9 July 6.30 -9.30p,
Thursday 10 July 7.30 – 9.30pm
Wednesday 16 July 6.30 – 9.30pm

Sunday 13 July – 1pm onwards: Annual Garden Party at Parkside, Rugeley
by kind invitation of Mr Spicer! Details in due course.

2025 – 26 season

Rehearsals resume 10 September

Saturday 20 September—all day rehearsal. 10.30 – 3.30 Wyld Green URC

Saturday 22 November 2025 St Francis Church, Bournville - concert

Rutter	Hymn to the Creator of Light
Kodaly	Laudes Organi
Rutter	Requiem
Plus organ music	

Sunday 14 December – Nine Lessons and Carols. Venue St Albans

2026

Wednesday 7 January – rehearsals resume

Saturday 31 January (pm) Come and Sing Selly Oak Methodist Church
(date tbc depending on venue availability) Mendelssohn Lobgesang

Saturday 14 February – all day vocal workshop and rehearsal; date and venue tbc

Saturday 14 March St Chad Birmingham - concert

Gesualdo	Tenebrae Responsories
Gibbons	Drop, Drop Slow Tears
Lotti	Crucifixus @ 8
Byrd	Miserere Mei
Victoria	O vos omnes
Phinot	Incipit oratio Jeremiae prophetae
Tallis	Lamentations of Jeremiah
Also organ interludes and possibly readings.	

No rehearsals Wednesdays 1st and 8th April.

Wednesday 15 April – rehearsals resume

Saturday 4th July Bridgnorth St Mary Magdalene – afternoon concert:
rehearsal 12 – 2, concert 3.30pm

Shearer Songs and Sonnets
Shall I compare thee? Selected items from this OUP collection of recent
Shakespeare settings ISBN: 9780193406148
Vaughan Williams Three Shakespeare Songs
Murrill Come away, come away Death
 O mistress mine
With piano, double bass, drums; possibly also readings.

Final Wednesday rehearsal of season 1st July.

2026 – 27 season

Wednesday 9 September - rehearsals resume

Saturday 26 September – all day rehearsal (tbc)

Saturday 21 November (date & venue tbc) – concert
Mozart Mass in C minor (Levin completion)

Sunday 13 December – Nine Lessons and Carols, St Albans tbc

2027

Wednesday 6 January - Rehearsals resume

Saturday 30 January (date & venue tbc) - Come and Sing Haydn Creation
Choruses

Saturday 13 March St Chads (date & venue tbc) - concert
Programme including Vaughan Williams Mass in G minor tbc

Saturday 26 June and/or Saturday 3 July venue(s) tbc concert(s)
English partsong repertoire including Parry Songs of Farewell, works by
Coleridge Taylor, Stanford and Joubert tbc