



Choir Diary 2024-2025 Updated June 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 £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 for 2024/5 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 .

2024

Wednesday 3 July – rehearsal at St Alban's, Conybere Street, B12 0YH

Saturday 29 June and 6 July – concerts 29 June St Mary Warwick, 6 July Birmingham St Alban's (in-concert recording)

Edward Elgar	Give unto the Lord
Charles Villiers Stanford	Fantasia and Toccata in D minor op.57 (Organ solo)
David Bednall	The Dear Bargain
Interval	
Paul Spicer	Sound the Invisible Trumps
Leonard Bernstein	Chichester Psalms

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 – from 1pm - annual Garden Party at Parkside, by kind invitation of Mr Spicer.(see full info elsewhere for address, directions etc.)

2024– 25 season

Rehearsals resume Wednesday 4 September

Saturday 19th October – all day rehearsal: venue tba

Saturday 23 November –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

Wednesday 27 November 8.30pm – AGM

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

2025

Rehearsals resume Wednesday 8 January

Booking for July triennial re-auditions opens January.

Saturday 1 February (pm) - Come and Sing Selly Oak Methodist Church:
Handel Coronation Anthems

Saturday 5 April – Michael Palmer memorial concert
Bach B minor Mass Lichfield Cathedral

Wednesday 9 April – rehearsal for new programme tbc

No rehearsals Wednesdays 16 and 23 April (tbc) NB very late Easter

Wednesday 30 April - rehearsals resume (tbc)

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

La Belle France

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

Wednesday 9 and Wednesday 16 July 2025 re-auditions Cotteridge;

Saturday 11 July tbc depending on venue availability. Booking will open January 2025

2025 – 26 season

Rehearsals resume 3 or 10 September tbc

November 2025 – autumn concert: details tbc but possibly a Nordic programme

Sunday 14 December – Nine Lessons and Carols. Venue tbc

2026

Wednesday 7 January – rehearsals resume

Late March – spring concert – details tbc but possibly Mozart Mass in C

No rehearsals Wednesdays 1st and 8th April.

Wednesday 15 April – rehearsals resume

Late June/early July – summer concert(s)

Final rehearsal of season probably 1st or 8th July depending on concerts.

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Wednesday 9 September - rehearsals resume