Choir Diary 2026-2028
Updated late October 2026

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 last two Wednesday rehearsals, for a concert programme in order to sing in the concert, unless they otherwise have the Conductor's permission to do so.

Rehearsals are at the Community Hall of St Joseph and St Helen (SJSH) in Cotteridge, unless advised otherwise.

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 £276 from 2026/7 (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.

Due dates if paying in four instalments (£69 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 .

2026

2026 – 27 season

Saturday 31 October – all day rehearsal 10.30 – 3.30 Cotteridge

Wednesday 18 November – rehearsal will be at St Francis Bournville, usual time. NB no heating!

Saturday 21 November concert 6pm St Francis Bournville

Holst	Tomorrow shall be my Dancing Day (aka This have I done for my true love)
Organ solo	
Vaughan Williams	Mass in G minor

Interval

Organ solo	
Parry	Songs of Farewell

Wednesday 25 November – 8.30pm AGM

Sunday 13 December Nine **Lessons and Carols Service 3.30pm St Albans**

2027

Wednesday 6 January - **Rehearsals resume**

Saturday 16 January – all day rehearsal (St Anne Moseley time tbc)

Saturday 30 January 2 – 6pm Selly Oak Methodist Church - **Come and Sing Brahms Requiem** (in English)

Saturday 13 March concert 7.30pm Lichfield Cathedral Mozart Mass in C minor (Levin completion)

No rehearsals Wed 17, 24, 31 March or 7 April**.**

Wednesday 14 April – Rehearsals resume

Saturday 24 April – all day rehearsal (St Anne Moseley) time tbc

Saturday 26 June concert <u>3.30pm</u> Pershore Abbey

Joubert Blest glorious man (Birmingham Bach Choir commission)
Holst Nunc Dimittis
Organ music
Britten Rejoice in the Lamb

Interval

Stanford On Time
Coleridge Taylor Song of Proserpine
The Sea Shell
Stanford Heraclitus
The blue bird
Elgar The Fountain
Organ music
Dyson To Music
Tippett Lilliburlero (Four Songs from the British Isles: Ireland)

2027 – 8 Season

Wednesday 8 September - rehearsals resume

Saturday 25 September – all day rehearsal (St Anne Moseley) time tbc

Saturday 20 November concert 6pm St Francis Bournville
Lobet den Herrn BWV230
Der Geist hilft BWV226
Organ music
Ich lasse dich nicht Anh159
Sei lob und Preis mit Ehren BWV231

Interval

Jesu, meine Freude BWV227
Organ music
Singet dem Herrn BWV225

Sunday 12 December Nine Lessons and Carols Service – St Albans tbc

2028

Wednesday 5 or 12 January rehearsals resume tbc

Saturday ?29 January Come and Sing SOMC tbc

Saturday 18 March 2028 concert 7pm Tewkesbury Abbey
Rehearsal 12.30 – 3.30pm.

Howells	Like as the Hart (arr for choir and strings)	
Finzi	Dies Natalis	(tenor and strings)

Interval

Howells	Hymnus Paradisi (Iain Farrington's reduced orchestration)

June 2028 –concert (venue and date tba but 24 June or 1 July). Repertoire tbc but proposed programme to include Barber, Rutter et al)

2028 – 9 Season

November 2028 concert – date and venue tba

Frank Martin	Mass for double choir
Duruflé	Requiem

December 2028 – **Nine Lessons and Carols Service**, date and venue tba

2029

Rehearsals resume 10 January – tbc

Saturday ?28 January - Come and Sing SOMC tbc

Saturday 17 March Lichfield Cathedral
Bach B minor Mass- Paul Spicer's final concert with the choir.