

Welcome

Thank you for joining our Choir mailing list- and what a time to join us. We have just begun rehearsals for our first concert of the 2017-18 Season and, as ever, our Musical Director Tim keeps us on our toes.



A Few Words from Musical Director, Tim Hooper

I can't believe it's 25 years since I became the Choir's Musical Director. There have been many notable performances and I've always been struck by the commitment of the choir members. I am a perfectionist and make no apologies for being so. Exacting standards assist in making the Choir an enduring and well received contributor to the area's strong musical culture. Our continued success and development is always reliant upon our supporters- and may I say thank you to each one of you. Your attendance at our concerts and events is vital to allow us to continue. I look forward to seeing you during this season's varied programme. Tim

2017-2018 Concert Dates

Saturday 4th November 2017

7.30p.m. Wimborne Minster

Vivaldi - Magnificat; Haydn - 'Little Organ' Mass; Handel - The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba; Zelenka - Miserere; Mozart - Eine Kleine Nachtmusik; Bach - Komm, Jesu, Komm.

Saturday 9th December 2017 7.30p.m.

The Priory, Christchurch
Handel - Messiah

Saturday 16th December 7p.m.

St Luke's Church, Winton

Britten - Ceremony of Carols with Readings and Carols for Choir and Audience.

Saturday 17th March 2018 7.00p.m.

The Priory, Christchurch
J.S. Bach - St. Matthew Passion

Saturday 2nd June 2018 7.30p.m.

Romsey Abbey

Mozart - Requiem

Bruckner - Motets

Purcell - Funeral Music for Queen Mary

A Potted History

The very first concert in 1987 at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, saw the small invited choir of 20 singers perform J.S. Bach's St. John Passion under the direction of Edward Caswell.

Maureen Gibson -founder member- was the driving force behind organizing the concert, ably aided and supported by our President, Dick Jones, who at that time was Vicar at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth.

After that initial concert, an ad-hoc series of concerts took place with Colin Howard as Musical Director.

Tim Hooper has been our Musical Director since 1992 (with Stephen Carleston directing a concert in 1993).

The choir became a regular ensemble and a registered charity in 1996.

The great works of J.S. Bach, and the music of the 18th century have always been at the core of our repertoire. During the past 30 years we have given many performances of the major Bach works: Mass

in B minor (seven) St. John Passion (six), St. Matthew Passion (five), Christmas Oratorio (four) and more than 33 of Handel Messiah-the first in 1996 with 36 singers,

Our singer numbers have steadily grown from that initial small group and we are now over twice the size

We moved, in 1996 from our home of St. Peter's, to the Priory, Christchurch which has become our main performance venue.

We hope to enjoy making music for many years to come.

A Few Words from Chairman

Nigel.

Most of you reading this newsletter will know that last year, Maureen Gibson, our founder, died. As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, Rev Canon Dick Jones, who co-founded the Bournemouth Bach Choir thirty years ago has had to leave the choir and resign from his position as Choir President because of illness.

The choir committee agreed that we should recognise the huge debt of gratitude that we owe to Dick.

To this end Dick was offered the position ' President Emeritus' which means that he will hold that title for life and will be a lifetime Honorary Choir Member.

With the position of President vacant, it was agreed to offer the title to former Chairman Dr. David Morgan.

I am very happy to have David as President, in easy reach for me to use as a guide and counsellor.



This photo was taken at the Bach Choir Garden Party in June where we told Dick and David of our plans. They were both pleased to accept the positions

Nigel Spratt

Chairman

Would you like to be more involved with the Choir?

Throughout the year, the Choir is reliant on gaining sponsorship from individuals and businesses. There are opportunities to sponsor a concert as well as the chance to advertise through programmes and our updated website.

20% of our income must be raised through fundraising to ensure we can continue to put on quality concerts locally.

We rely on our annual programme of social events and look forward to inviting our Friends and supporters to these. (Further information in Issue 2 of the Newsletter).

Help at concerts and our growing programme of events is also welcomed. Programme sellers and assisting the choir with the many and various activities to ensure the concert goes smoothly is always needed.

If you'd like more information please do get in touch with the Choir Secretary, Carolyn.
(Email address below)

We'd love to hear from you.

Friends of Bournemouth Bach Choir

Become a Friend to help support Bournemouth Bach Choir. Bringing you music of the highest quality is a costly business: by becoming a Friend you can help the choir achieve its high artistic goals. The Choir is a Registered Charity

so, we ask Friends to give a regular Gift-aided donation of not less than £30 per year, for which they receive:

- Advance information for each concert
- Complimentary programme
- Name listed in programme
- Reduction in ticket price (2 tickets per concert)

If you would like to join with others in supporting us as a Friend, please contact:

David Way on 01202 768 410 or e-mail davway20@gmail.com

Naomi House Children's Hospice

The Choir has supported Naomi House for more than 8 years by organizing 2 fundraising concerts, making donations and collecting every Christmas Eve for them whilst singing carols at Rhinefield House Hotel. To date we have raised more than £10,000 for this wonderful place.

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