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## KEY INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS 2023/4 SEASON

*Please see the members page of the website for full information*

Membership is open to all and the Society is keen to encourage new members to join and share in the joy of singing. We hope you enjoy rehearsing and performing with us. We always aim for the highest standard we are capable of, but we also aim to have fun too.

### Arrangements for rehearsals

Rehearsals take place in St James' Church, and run from 7:30—9:30pm, with an interval for refreshments and the raffle. Seating is in the main section of the church, with side aisles available for those who are vulnerable to infections. Please tick the attendance register as you come into church. To keep us all safe, please do not attend if you have any viral symptoms.

### Car parking

There is limited car parking at the church. Please remember to key in your registration number on the panel at the rear of the church, or the one in the Parish Centre, every time you use the car park. If you do not, you will receive a £100 fine and neither the Choral Society nor the Church will be able to help you deal with the parking company employed by the Church to enforce parking restrictions.

There is ample parking elsewhere in the town:

Cluster of Nuts car park on Hallfield Lane, LS22 6JB

Crossley Street LS22 6NL

Riverside (aka Wilderness) car park LS22 6RF

Morrisons car park is nearer, but there is a strict two-hour limit on parking which is rigorously enforced, even in the evenings, so beware.

### Rehearsal interval

During the interval at rehearsals, tea and coffee are served by choir members for a small charge, and all members are welcome to volunteer to take a turn on the rota. There is also a raffle to raise funds for the Society – please support this. Donations of suitable prizes are always welcome.

| Rehearsal and concert dates for the 2023-24 season |   |
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| September  | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> (Open rehearsal), 18 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup>               |
| October  | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> (includes AGM), 30 <sup>th</sup> |
| November   | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup>                               |
|  | Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> 1.30pm rehearsal, 7.30pm concert. <i>Armed Man &amp; 7 Last Words</i>                 |
| December   | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> (not the 11 <sup>th</sup> )                                 |
|  | Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> 1.30pm rehearsal, 7.30pm concert: <i>Messiah with Carols</i>                          |
| January  | Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup>                               |
| February   | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup>                               |
| March  | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup>                               |
|  | Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1.30pm rehearsal, 7.30pm concert: <i>Sea Symphony</i>                                 |
| April  | Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup>                               |
| May  | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup>                               |
| June   | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup>                               |
|  | Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> 1.30pm rehearsal, 7.30pm concert: <i>Baroque music</i>                                |



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## **Subscriptions**

The subscription for 2023-24 is £155, payable by 31 October. This is normally regarded as a minimum and members are encouraged to give more if they can. If you are a tax payer, you are also encouraged to use Gift Aid, which enables the Society to claim back 25% on your subscription, at no extra cost to you.

There may be a reduction for members joining after Christmas, at the discretion of the Treasurer. Full-time students are welcome without having to pay any subscription.

The committee wants to ensure that no one should feel that they cannot continue to sing if they cannot afford the subscription. Please contact the Treasurer in confidence if this is an issue for you, by email [treasurer@wetherbychoral.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@wetherbychoral.org.uk) or by phoning 07860 454894.

If a member has not paid their subscription by the time of the first concert, they are not allowed to sing.

## **Scores**

The subscription includes the hire of all music scores (apart from Handel's *Messiah*). Scores are usually on loan from local music libraries. We have an obligation to take care of these scores and to return them promptly after each concert. Please only use a pencil for making notes.

## **Concerts**

The Society normally gives four concerts a year—in November, December, March/April and June. The venue is usually St James's Church, Wetherby. There is generally a rehearsal with soloists and orchestra in the afternoon before the evening's concert performance.

## **Concert tickets**

All choir members are responsible for selling tickets for each concert. Sales are organised by a choir member, commencing one month prior to a concert. Each choir member will receive two tickets to sell, but we hope everyone will try to sell as many as possible!

## **The Society**

The Society is a Charity and is run by a committee elected at the Annual General Meeting. This is held during a rehearsal. Opportunities to nominate or be nominated to the committee will be announced at the rehearsals in the weeks beforehand.

Members' subscriptions cover the cost of rehearsals. We lose around £3,000 on each concert, as we pay for the orchestra and soloists. We bridge the gap by running fundraising events.

## **Further information**

If you have any questions and cannot find the answers on the information for members page at <http://www.wetherbychoral.org.uk/>, please contact one of the officers:

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