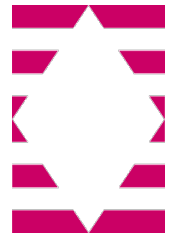


TRING CHORAL SOCIETY

Information for new members



September 2023

Dear Prospective new member,

Thank you for enquiring about joining Tring Choral Society! We are delighted to hear that you may be interested in singing with us and set out below what you need to know as a new member.

What do we sing?

Tring Choral Society sings a wide range of classical music, featuring well-known composers such as Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Fauré, Verdi and many more. Please see the list of works we have performed at past concerts on our website. Sometimes we sing with other choral societies and schools.

Where do we sing?

We perform most of our concerts at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Tring. Our concerts are usually accompanied by professional orchestral musicians and soloists. Our musical director, Colin Stevens, has conducted the choir for over 40 years and is an experienced chorus master who demands high standards but seeks to make rehearsals enjoyable, rewarding and, above all, fun.

Who is able to join the choir?

If you are an experienced choral singer, you will be pleased to know there is plenty of variety in our concert programmes and we occasionally commission new music to encourage young composers. We hope you will find lots of great music to enjoy, whether you are familiar or new to the content of each concert programme.

If you are new to singing but can sing in tune, you do not necessarily have to be able to read music. We will support you as you learn to sing a vocal part in harmony - it just takes patience, humour and a willingness to learn!

Membership is open to all and if you are under 30 on 1st September in any year, membership is free.

What do I need to do if I want to try things out?

Please contact me as membership secretary (membership@tringchoral.org.uk tel 01296 660406) and come along to rehearsals at Akeman Street Baptist Church, Tring between 7:45pm – 9:45pm on Mondays. You can try things out for a week or two and see if you wish to join us. If you wish to do so, we will then give you a membership form to sign and ask you to pay the annual subscription.

When are the concerts and what about music?

Concerts take place once a term (Winter, Spring and Summer). On joining the choir, you will be provided with all the music you need for the concert that term (unless of course you have

your own music) on payment of a small hire charge. You need to attend as many rehearsals as you can to ensure the concert can be performed to a high standard. Anyone who misses too many rehearsals may not be able to sing in the concert. If you cannot attend a rehearsal or a concert date, please would you kindly inform me as the membership secretary.

What is the subscription on joining?

The annual subscription fee is set by the members each year at the AGM and is then payable in October. Those who join after Christmas or Easter pay a proportion of this fee.

Where can I find other information?

You can find out a lot more about Tring Choral Society on its website www.tringchoral.org.uk. This contains useful information about the choir including social events. We also issue a newsletter each term to keep members informed of recent developments.

If you feel you would like to try singing with Tring Choral Society, please let me know of your interest and come along to one of our rehearsals where you will be most welcome.

The rewards of singing with others are well known and we hope we can persuade you to come and try it for yourself.

See you at rehearsal!

Membership Secretary