

Eversley Choir



Summer Notes – July 2021

Saturday August 21st 2021

You are warmly invited to a

'Pre-Season Sing' in Borwick and Priest Hutton Memorial Hall
with Ian and Andy Plowman (accompanist)

11.00-11.30 Meet and Chat

11.30-12.30 Warm-up and 'sing something simple': rounds, folk songs, spirituals just to get our voices going again after so long silent!

12.30-1.15 Bring-your-own picnic lunch

1.15-2.30 We'll sing some 'Great Choruses from Great Oratorios' starting, of course, with the Hallelujah Chorus!

Please come and join us for this lovely opportunity to get together again. We will do all we can to ensure safety for all including

- Maximum ventilation
- Spaced out seating
- Providing hand sanitisers

Please would you make sure that you only come if you are feeling completely well and that you are comfortable with the above arrangements. Please feel free to wear a mask apart from when we sing. You might also like to take a lateral flow test before coming.

Please invite family and friends to join us if they are also happy with these arrangements.

The event is free but, to help with organisation, please book a place and provide contact details for any non-choir singers attending by emailing Wendy at wendyj2897@gmail.com

Future Music

Your committee met on 14/7 and planned the choir's first steps back to singing. Thank you to everyone for responding to our survey; this was so helpful to inform our discussions. As everyone will be aware government regulations on social distancing are ending on 19/7 but we will do everything we can to ensure our choir members are safe and feel as comfortable as possible. Ian Jones and Ken Dunn will be undertaking a risk assessment, using the template from Making Music, to help with detailed planning for our event on 21/8 and our future rehearsals.

Rehearsals

These will start on Monday evenings from September 6th running from 7pm to 9.10pm with a 10 minutes comfort break at 8pm. The safety precautions put in place for 21/8 will be reviewed and updated if necessary for rehearsals. There will be no refreshments provided and everyone will be encouraged to bring their own drink and any other refreshments needed.

Autumn Concert 2/12/21, 7pm, St Oswald's Church, Warton (TBC)

The choir will accompanied on organ to sing a programme including Dvorak's Mass in D major and some movements from Mozart's Solemn Vespers. Pam Redman's String Quartet will also play Haydn's 'The Lark' quartet.

Christmas Concert 20/12/21, 7pm, St Thomas Church, Milnthorpe (TBC)

Christmas music

Spring Concert 2022, St Oswald's Church (TBC)

The date and venue are to be confirmed; unfortunately Capernwray cannot offer the choir a suitable date this time. The music will include Purcell's Te Deum and Haydn's Nelson Mass.

People

Committee

Susie Bagot has stepped down from the committee and her role as fund-raiser with immediate effect because of other responsibilities. We thank Susie for her brilliant work for the choir that has allowed us to perform major choral works with accompanying orchestra. Two other committee members plan to step down at the AGM. Please consider joining the committee and also the fundraising role. Contact Val Walshe on valwalshe@btinternet.com for more information.

Members

We have one or two members who are unable to sing with us at the moment because of health issues. We wish them well and hope they can return to join us soon. We completely understand that some choir members will not feel able to sing in a group setting at present with the uncertainties around COVID. Again we hope that the situation will settle so that we can welcome them back in the future. For GDPR each choir member will be contacted by the secretary over the summer to confirm their details and agreement for these to held for the purpose of choir business. We are delighted that 3 potential new choir members have been in touch who would like to try out the choir when we resume. Our AGM will be held at the beginning of the rehearsal on 13/9/21.
