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East Malling Singers

Music Director:
Ciara Considine

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NEW MEMBERS

Currently in its 51st year, East Malling Singers is a friendly, mixed, amateur choir of approximately 80 members that performs a wide variety of sacred and secular music. In usual times, we perform four concerts per year at St James the Great Church, East Malling, often joined by professional soloists and orchestra, as well as guest singers.

Previous choral singing experience and sight-reading are not necessary. For more details please contact the Membership Secretary on 01622 675592 or by using the Contact Us link on our website: www.eastmallingsingers.co.uk

51st Season
2021-2022



EAST MALLING SINGERS – 51st SEASON

18 September 2021 at 10am BOB CHILCOTT WORKSHOP

This year we are celebrating our delayed 50th anniversary. We don't believe that anniversaries should be all about looking back, so this year we are trying something new and organising our first ever singers' workshop which will replace our usual autumn Come and Sing concert. This is only for singers (see website for details) but there will be a chance to listen to the work during our Christmas Concert.



We are delighted that the celebrated composer, Bob Chilcott, will be running the workshop based on his Christmas Oratorio which was premièred in 2019 at the Three Choirs Festival.

11 December 2021 at 7.30pm CHRISTMAS CONCERT

CHRISTMAS ORATORIO..... **Bob Chilcott**

Having worked on the Christmas Oratorio during the September workshop, we will be including it in our Christmas concert and are delighted that Tom Robson (Tenor) will be singing the part of the Evangelist.

There will still be opportunities to sing your favourite carols once more as well as join in with some of the new carols in the Christmas Oratorio and, of course, enjoy the hot mince pies and mulled wine during the interval – an EMS Christmas concert would not be the same without them!

Tickets £12, concessions £10, school children free

2 April 2022 at 7.30pm SPRING CONCERT – Come & Sing

EIN DEUTSCHES REQUIEM..... **Johannes Brahms**

Brahms composed the German Requiem between 1865 and 1868. He may have been inspired to work on a requiem following the death of his beloved mother in 1865. His lingering sadness over Robert Schumann's death in 1856 may have also provided the motivation. We will never really know as Brahms was always reticent about expressing his feelings.

What is certain is that it is a majestic work, one of the longest pieces that Brahms ever composed and one which has often been praised for its high level of craftsmanship. It is also both a challenge and a joy to sing.



We will be joined by Simon Thorpe (Baritone), Nicola Corbishley (Soprano) and a small orchestral ensemble for this performance.

Tickets £12, concessions £10, school children free

9 July 2022 at 7.30pm SUMMER CONCERT

GLORIA..... **John Rutter**

FANFARE FOR THE COMMON MAN..... **Aaron Copland**

John Rutter composed the Gloria in 1974 and conducted the first performance of the work in Omaha, Nebraska that same year. Although it is a setting of parts of the Latin liturgy, it was always conceived as a concert piece. We will be performing the original version which was scored for choir, brass, percussion and organ.

We thought we would take advantage of the brass ensemble required for the Gloria to include a performance of Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man at this concert, thus enabling us to finish our delayed anniversary season with a real flourish!

Tickets £12, concessions £10, school children free



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Concerts take place in the church of
St James the Great, by kind permission
of the vicar and churchwardens

Tickets available from Sue Greenham on 01622 750943 or boxoffice@eastmallingsingers.co.uk
or at the door. Concerts often sell out so early booking is advisable.