



## NEW MEMBERS

Currently in its 53rd year, East Malling Singers is a friendly, mixed, amateur choir of approximately 80 members that performs a wide variety of sacred and secular music. We usually 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](http://www.eastmallingsingers.co.uk)



East Malling Singers, June 2023

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For more information, please contact Lisa Dean  
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# East Malling Singers

Music Director:  
Ciara Considine

53rd Season

2023-2024



# EAST MALLING SINGERS – 53rd SEASON

## 14 October 2023 at 10am–5pm Workshop with Howard Goodall

Our last workshop was so successful that we have decided to organise another this year. Again, it will replace our usual 'EMS Augmented' autumn concert and is only for singers (see website for details). There will be a chance during the Christmas concert for the audience to listen to some of the pieces we will be working on.



We are delighted that the celebrated composer, Howard Goodall, will be running the workshop based on his *Eternal Light* which was premiered in 2008 and which won him a Brit award as Composer of the Year.

## 9 December 2023 at 7.30pm CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This concert will feature works by Edward Elgar, Howard Goodall and Joanna Forbes L'Estrange. But there will also be plenty of opportunities to sing your favourite carols 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, school children free

## 23 March 2024 at 7.30pm SPRING CONCERT

MASS IN C..... Ludwig van Beethoven

This concert will feature the *Mass in C* by Beethoven. This is sometimes considered as a 'dry run' for his late sacred masterpiece, *Missa Solemnis*. Originally composed in 1807 at the request of Prince Nikolaus Esterhazy II to honour his wife's name day, it is a gem in its own right, combining the serene dignity of the old forms of the Mass with the new heightened drama and orchestral and harmonic resources of the early 1800s.

This concert will also explore the links between Beethoven, Bach and Bruckner.



Tickets £12, school children free

## 13 July 2024 at 7.30pm SUMMER CONCERT

A GOSPEL JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

The origins of gospel music can be found during the period of slavery in America when the enslaved Africans were introduced to the Christian religion. One result of combining western Christianity with African cultures was the emergence of the spiritual, which then influenced the development of gospel music.

Our journey will start with *Amazing Grace*, written by John Newton (an early supporter of the Abolition Movement) in 1779 and continue up to the twentieth century with *Oh Happy Day* (a 1967 gospel music arrangement of a 1755 hymn by the clergyman Philip Doddridge).

This should be a joyous concert – just the thing for a mid-summer's evening!

Tickets £12, 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](mailto:boxoffice@eastmallingsingers.co.uk)  
or at the door. Concerts often sell out so early booking is advisable.