

Nine Lessons and Carols: And all was for an Apple

Sunday 15th December 2019 3.00 pm
St Oswald's Church Bollington Road SK10 5EG

Why wait for Christmas Eve and King's College Cambridge? Enjoy carols with references to flowers and fruit (not just The Holly and the Ivy, but apples, cherries, roses and divers flowers!) from your local Choir and join in some of the traditional favourites. **Free with a retiring collection.**

JOIN US TO SING Messiah for All

Tuesday 17 December 2019 7.30 pm
Bollington Arts Centre

Tickets £6: 01625 511881
Booking essential!

This year, our ever popular annual **Messiah for All** will donate all proceeds to **Bollington Arts Centre** in memory of **Jean Ransley**.

Join Choir members, soloists and orchestra of friends for an essential part of Christmas in Bollington!

JOIN US TO SING Brahms Requiem

Saturday 14 March 2020 9.30-4.30
Bollington Arts Centre

£15 includes music loan, rehearsal tracks and tea / coffee and biscuits

We welcome singers of all abilities to enjoy exploring great music in a convivial, supportive atmosphere. Full details and an application form will be available in December 2019. For a small subscription and a few Tuesday rehearsals, why not sing *Brahms Requiem* with us in our June concert?

JOIN US TO SING in all our concerts!

Tuesday evening rehearsals at **Bollington Arts Centre** resume on September 10th 2019, 8-10 pm. Like all amateur choirs, we welcome new singers. Unlike many choirs, we have no auditions and much of the music we perform is suggested by our members. You're assured of a warm welcome!

Ring 01625 511881 or visit www.bollfestchoir.org.uk for details.

Bollington Festival

Choir

2019 - 2020

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alert to the music..."**



Programme of Concerts and Events

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Hail, Bright Cecilia

Sunday 24 November 2019
7.30 pm

Bollington Arts Centre
Wellington Road SK10 5JR



Pietro da Cortana

Celebrating the Patron Saint of Music and Musicians St Cecilia (22 Nov), women composers and three iconic women all named Emily.

Soloists from the Choir **Rosalind Hall piano**

...three women composers of the 17th, 19th and 21st centuries...

Isabella Leonarda *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*
Fanny Hensel (*nee Mendelssohn*) *3 Part Songs*
Cecilia McDowall *Kyrie / Sanctus*

...a world premiere...

Donald Judge *Emily Emily Emily*
(Brontë, Dickinson and Wilding Davison)

...and a Baroque masterpiece...
Henry Purcell *Hail Bright Cecilia*

Dido and Aeneas

Sunday 5 April 2020
7.30 pm

St Oswald's Church
Bollington Road SK10 5EG



Rutilio Manetti

A classical tragedy telling of the love of the doomed Carthaginian Queen for a Trojan war hero. Passion, witchcraft, betrayal and death told in glorious music from the 17th century.

Hrafnhildur Björnsdóttir soprano **soloists and string orchestra**

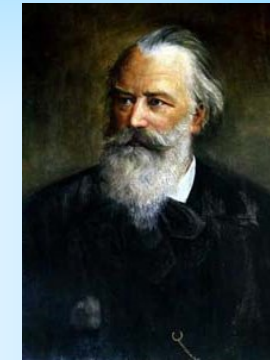
A complete concert performance of the first true opera in English (with words by Nahum Tate who wrote *While Shepherds Watched*) follows music from Purcell's contemporaries: the joyful *Beatus Vir* by Monteverdi and Carissimi's vision of *Jonah* inside the Whale and the redemption of the people of Nineveh.

With solo items from our guest soprano Hrafnhildur Björnsdóttir who sings the part of Dido and featured in our concert in April 2017.

Brahms Requiem

Sunday 14 June 2020
7.30 pm.

Bollington Arts Centre
Wellington Road SK10 5JR



Mille zu Aichenholz

Brahms chose texts from the Old Testament rather than the more familiar Latin mass for his beautiful and dramatic *A German Requiem* which we will sing in English.

Olwyn Bloor soprano **Steve Thorpe tenor** **Rosalind Hall & James Pelham** **piano duet**

Brahms' own piano duet version of his masterpiece gives it an intimacy which is ideal for our home venue.

The concert will include a selection of songs by Brahms sung by **Mike Bell** *baritone*

See also: our **Singing Day** on Saturday 14 March

Tickets: November / June £10 April £12 (£3 for 18s and under) 01625 575554

Founded by Dr John Coope MBE in 1964, and conducted since 2002 by Donald Judge, Bollington Festival Choir is a friendly Choir that retains its village roots while attracting members from a wide area. The Choir has always performed some unusual repertoire which is seldom tackled by other choirs: this year, we hope you'll enjoy three varied concerts featuring music sacred, secular and theatrical, plus *Messiah for All* and a bonus - a free and very special Christmas Carol Service at St Oswald's Church.