

JOIN US TO SING **Messiah for All**

Tuesday 13 December
2022 7.30 pm

Bollington Arts Centre
Wellington Road SK10 5JR

All proceeds will benefit
East Cheshire Eye Society
and will be the first of two
collaborations this season with Kerry
Firth *soprano* and orchestra led by
Nicola Bright

Tickets £10: 01625 511881
Booking essential!

From a modest beginning in the
1970s with a few friends gathered
round a piano, *Messiah for All*
quickly grew to include an orchestra
of friends, to pack the Arts Centre,
and to raise thousands of pounds for
local charities. Don't miss your
chance to sing this evergreen
favourite!

JOIN US TO SING in all our concerts!

Tuesday evening rehearsals at **Bollington Arts Centre** resume on September
13th 2022, 7.45-9.30 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 with tea and
biscuits and a chat in the break!

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

JOIN US TO SING **Gounod St Cecilia Mass**

Saturday 11 March
2023 9.30-4.00

Bollington Arts Centre
Wellington Road SK10 5JR

Singers of all ages 17+ are invited
to join us for an informal and
purposeful day's singing.

The work studied is always the
main item in in the summer
concert. Participants are invited to
join the Choir for rehearsals after
Easter and to sing in the concert.
(*reduced subscription*)

Gounod's St Cecilia Mass is a
charming work, ideal for a day's
exploration.

£15 includes music loan on the day,
voice part sound files in advance on
request, tea, coffee and biscuits.
Please book from January 2023 via
leaflets, website or 01625 511881.

Bollington Festival Choir

2022 - 2023

"...happy, confident singers, alert to the music..."



Nola McGaul

Programme of Concerts and Events

www.bollfestchoir.org.uk

*Established almost 60 years; a Resident Group at
Bollington Arts Centre; supporting local charities
for over 40 years with Messiah for All*



The Promise of Advent

**Sunday 27 November
2022 7.30 pm**



Advent and Triumph of Christ, Hans Memling 1430-1494.

Mary's reply to Angel Gabriel at the Annunciation is celebrated by the Motet and Mass *Dixit Maria* by Hans Leo Hassler, a respected and influential contemporary of William Byrd. Martin Luther's Advent hymn *Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland (Come Saviour of the Nations)* inspired many composers. The Choir's sequence features uplifting settings by 14 of them, from a Bohemian bishop born in 1483 to Telemann and J S Bach in the 1700s. With soloists from the Choir and strings led by Nicola Bright.

November and March concerts are at **St Oswald's Church** Bollington Road SK10 5EG. Rehearsals, Messiah for All, the Singing Day and the June concert are at our home **Bollington Arts Centre** Wellington Road SK10 5JR. Our concerts feature Interval refreshments (tea/coffee at St Oswald's with cash donations / licensed card only bar at the Arts Centre) plus a high quality raffle with tickets for £1.

Tickets November and June £10 March £12 (all £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 performs some unusual repertoire and requests from members often feature in our programmes. **Registered Charity no: 513224**

An Easter Celebration

**Sunday 26 March 2023
7.30 pm**



Entry into Jerusalem: Church of the Nativity at Theotokos, Macedonia.

With guests Kerry Firth *soprano*, John Bush *trumpet*, strings led by Nicola Bright, soloists from the Choir and Rosalind Hall *continuo*. Donald Judge's setting of G K Chesterton's Palm Sunday poem *The Donkey*. Felix Mendelssohn's Cantata *O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden (O Sacred Head, sore wounded)* based on the famous *Passion Chorale*. Trumpet solos, *Let the Bright Seraphim*, and some of the most joyful arias and choruses from Georg Frideric Handel's *Messiah*.

Gounod St Cecilia Mass

**Sunday 18 June 2023
7.30 pm**



Sainte Cécile, Pierre Puget 1620-1694

Charles Gounod's *St Cecilia Mass* was written in honour of the Patron Saint of Music in 1855 and forms the 2nd half of the concert. Before the Interval, the Choir and its members perform a selection of short vocal and instrumental pieces by French composers, accompanied by Rosalind Hall *piano*.

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Many thanks to Nola McGaul for her painting of the Choir.