

## Come and sing with us!

The Chorale welcomes new singers. We rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 7.45pm during term time at St George's Church Hall, Albemarle Road, Beckenham BR3 3HZ, and perform in St George's Church.

Rehearsals are conducted by James Blair, John Nightingale and John Upperton. Sight reading ability is not essential but most members find it helps. There is a simple voice test and John Upperton can offer advice and lessons on vocal production and technique.

The full subscription is £140. There is a pro-rata fee for those joining during the year. Concessions and student rates are available and we offer a trial of one concert for £50 for those considering joining.

We begin rehearsals on 13 September 2011. Why not come along to a rehearsal and try us out?

For further information contact Gillian Scales on 020 8663 3173 or email: [membership@beckenhamchorale.org.uk](mailto:membership@beckenhamchorale.org.uk)



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## Who's who

### James Blair – Conductor

James Blair studied conducting at Trinity College of Music and in Siena and Rome. He has conducted many of the British orchestras and works regularly in Europe. James's vitality and creativity have contributed to many memorable Chorale performances. James is also Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra (see [www.ymso.org.uk](http://www.ymso.org.uk))

### John Nightingale – Chorus Master

John is a conductor, music editor and researcher and an accomplished pianist. This is his eighteenth year as our Chorus Master. He is also Director of the Beckenham-based South London Singers. John frequently plays in local recitals and concerts, including regular piano quintets with the Hammig String Quartet.

### John Upperton – Vocal Consultant

We have recently appointed John Upperton to offer advice on vocal matters to the choir. John conducted Morley College Choir from 1993 - 2002, and his singing credits include principal roles at the ROH, ENO, Garsington and Birmingham Opera as well as engagements abroad. He has a thriving teaching practice in Lewisham. For more information about John, please visit <http://operagent.com/artists/johnupperton>.

### Janet Bishop – rehearsal accompanist

Janet studied at the Royal Academy of Music and accompanies a number of choral groups and local music festivals.

# BECKENHAM CHORALE

Patron Sarah Walker CBE

## 52nd Concert Season 2011- 2012



[www.beckenhamchorale.org.uk](http://www.beckenhamchorale.org.uk)

## Ticket prices and concert venue

**Tickets** (prices include programme)

£12.50 and £9.00 in numbered seats

£7.00 un-numbered

### Advance booking:

Margaret Sutherland: 020 8658 0329,  
Jenny Carrington: 020 8658 0875,  
boxoffice@beckenhamchorale.org.uk

or from members of the choir.

Tickets can also be purchased at the Church door on the night from 7pm.

All concerts are at St George's Church, High Street, Beckenham BR3 1AX at 7.45pm. The church is accessible and has a hearing loop. There is a car park in St George's Road and on-street parking. Beckenham Junction Station is a few minutes away for train and tramlink. Buses stop outside the Church.

### Join the Friends



Would you like to support the Beckenham Chorale and become more involved? For a minimum annual donation of £10 you will receive advance information for each concert, priority booking and invitations to our social events.

Contact Alex Galloway 01926 777569 or email friends@beckenhamchorale.org.uk

## Concert Programme 2011-2012

### Saturday 3rd December 2011

Handel: Messiah Part 1 (The Christmas Music)

JS Bach: Magnificat in D

### Saturday 3rd March 2012

Beethoven: Overture: Egmont

Brahms: A German Requiem

### Saturday 26th May 2012

Bob Chilcott: Songs and Cries of London Town

Morten Lauridsen: Sure on this Shining Night

Karl Jenkins: The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace

### Works recently performed by the Chorale

Elgar  
Haydn  
Mozart  
Orff  
Puccini  
Rossini  
Rutter  
Tippett  
Verdi

The Music Makers  
Nelson Mass  
Requiem  
Carmina Burana  
Messa di Gloria  
Stabat Mater  
Mass of the Children  
A Child of Our Time  
Requiem



Beckenham Chorale is affiliated to Making Music, NFMS, and the Bromley Arts Council

## Beckenham Chorale

The Chorale is a mixed voice adult choir of about 70 members. We are now in our 52nd season and whilst we sing a varied repertoire we are best known for our spirited performances of the great and exciting choral works.



We engage professional soloists and orchestra to perform with the choir, conducted by James Blair (above), and have a long association with the Albemarle Orchestra

### Social Activities and Events

We recently held a hugely successful choral singing day with John Rutter and over 300 singers. We also enjoy concert visits, musical evenings and a range of fundraising activities such as quiz nights and auctions.



John Rutter