

WORKS FOR 2017-2018

18 November 2017	Rutter	Requiem
	Jenkins	Armed Man
9 December 2017	Handel	Messiah
17 March 2018	Faure	Requiem
	Faure	Cantique de Jean Racine
	Paul Carr	Seven Last words on the cross
16 June 2018	Handel	Let thy hand be strengthened
	Vivaldi	Gloria
	Puccini	Messe di Gloria

WORKS FOR 2018-2019

10 November 2018	Britten	War Requiem
8 December 2018	Handel	Messiah
6 April 2019	Bach	Mass in B Minor
15 June 2019	Rossini	Petite Messe Solonelle

COMMITTEE MEMBER ELECTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

All positions on the Committee are up for election at the AGM to be held on 11 October 2017. (Although some people are prepared to stand again.) Nomination papers will be available in early September. If you would like to know more about responsibilities, commitments for any position, do get in touch with the Secretary.

Please remember that according to the Constitution only paid-up members are eligible to vote at the AGM. You can pay your membership fees directly by cheque to the Treasurers from the first rehearsal or by BACS transfer. Individuals pay £95 and couples £180. If you are unwaged, unemployed or in receipt of benefits and need to stage payment of your fees, please contact Rebecca Smith Treasurer to arrange payment. RCS is open to all and no-one should be discouraged because of the subscription level.

Incidentally Harrogate Choral is now up to £155 for individuals and £280 for couples!

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Choraline can be a great help.

You can play or download your voice part or send for a CD see their website:
<http://www.choraline.com/>.

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NEWSLETTER

RIPON CHORAL SOCIETY

UPDATE ON COME AND SING DAY 7 OCTOBER 2017

To date over 50 singing groups within a radius of 100 miles have been contacted with an invitation to join us for the Come and Sing Day on 7 October and at the time of writing this there have been 94 registrations with the majority so far coming from outside RCS.

Recruitment is definitely a possibility! Altos currently number 50, sopranos 29, tenors 2 and basses 13 so we desperately need more tenors. Nothing new there!

If you haven't done so already and are intending to sing, please register as soon as possible. It promises to be an excellent day with John conducting and Greg accompanying us (on the organ for the performance.)

Even if you are singing, we will be needing volunteers for a variety of jobs on the day. These will include:

1. Unlocking and locking of premises.
2. Registration of participants (checking that they've paid or collecting the money from them!)
3. Handing out copies of the Armed Man where required and collecting after the performance.
4. Providing refreshments (Tea and Coffee) prior to the start and in the afternoon prior to the performance. (The kitchen will be available).
5. Lunch time support on the premises as rooms will be available downstairs for people bringing their own packed lunches and the premises will be unlocked.
6. Voice reps to welcome singers from other choirs to ensure they have an enjoyable day and any problems are dealt with quickly.
7. ANO to be designated.

If you are able to help (as well as sing), please let me (Secretary) know. Thank you in advance.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

Fund-raising for War Requiem

A big thank you to Derek Hazlehurst for his gardening services over the summer (and all those in the choir who have used them).

Over £530 has been raised.

Wedding Services

RCS has attended two weddings over the summer. Thanks to **John Kiberd** for organizing and everyone who supported him at West Tanfield and Sowerby.



UPDATE ON WORKS AT ST JOHNS SHAROW

Message from Simon Grenfell.

Phase 2 of St John's Vision Project

It's been a long time coming, but on 4 September 2017, phase 2 works will have begun at St. John's. It is inevitable that there will be some inconvenience, although the contractor is aware how important it is to keep the church open so far as possible.

What you will see: the intention is to start work on the **car park early in the programme**, aiming to have a working surface before the autumn weather turns. Once that is achieved, we should like to make a plea that people do not park along Berrygate Lane unless absolutely necessary, but rather use the car park.

At the same time you will see a scaffolding ramp leading from left of the church (looking from the road) to give a temporary level access at the main entrance. This will enable the new graded path to be built together with the level entrance platform and the steps up to it. In order to complete the new main entrance, this entrance will have to be closed for about a week probably in November.

Round the back the previous extension will be demolished and the shell of the new extension will be built. By the time the main entrance has to be closed there will be access via the new rear entrance.

For the duration of the works we shall not be able to open church to the public during the working day, Monday to Friday. **It has been arranged that events and rehearsals already booked for evenings can take place in the Nave.** There will be **portaloo's**, including one suitable for people with disability, situated to the left of the main entrance.

Similarly if you have any queries about the project please feel free to contact myself. You can also keep up with news on facebook – 'St John's, Sharow' www.facebook.com/stjohnssharrow/ and website www.stjohnssharrow.org.uk/ .

In about October we shall see the side chapel glazed and enclosed, together with specialist work on the West and East walls and the stain glass windows.

The works will be completed in December, by which time we shall see glazed doors at the entrance of the porch which will open on a press button. In addition the path up to the church will be lit.

Coffee/tea

There is water and power in the flower vestry (door by Altos at foot of ramp) so we shall have to arrange enough space to have a table and for people to gather.

As you know there have been frustrating delays, so it is a relief that the project is now under way.

I'm afraid there will have to be a measure of inconvenience during the Autumn term for which I apologise.

For any more urgent information, contact Simon Grenfell on 01765 605771 or 07403 213733.