

Newsletter, September 2022



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HCS welcomes a new Chairman



Following the untimely death of our Chairman, Lord David Shutt, in 2020, our President, Roger Harvey, stepped into the breach on a temporary basis, and has done a sterling job. He has now decided to step down and proposed Clive Lloyd as a potential successor. We are delighted to announce that Clive has agreed to take on this role.

Clive and his wife, Virginia, have been long time supporters and patrons of HCS. Clive has an infectious enthusiasm for the arts in general, and has been involved with many local organisations including Opera North and Northern Ballet.



With the arrival of a new baby, Jenny Martins has decided to step back from her role as HCS accompanist, and we are delighted that Philip Voldman has agreed to take on this position. Jenny won't disappear completely, though - she will fill in when Phil is busy elsewhere!

We have launched our new website: [VISIT IT HERE](#)

...to keep up with all our latest news. You'll find everything you need to know about the choral society, as well as upcoming events. It may even inspire you to join us!

The screenshot shows the website's header with the Halifax Choral Society logo and navigation links: HOME, ABOUT, NEWS & EVENTS, CONTACT, MEMBERS. Below the header is a large image of a choir performing. The main content area features a 'SING WITH US!' section with a description of rehearsals and a 'READ MORE' button. To the right is an 'UPCOMING EVENTS' section listing three events: 'J S Bach: Mass in B Minor' (Sun, 30-Oct 2022), 'Carols and Brass' (Sun, 27-Nov 2022), and 'Messiah by Candlelight' (Fri, 05-Dec 2022). Each event includes a small image and a 'READ MORE' button.



Paid Scholarship Opportunities

The choir is looking to appoint 4 choral scholars for the 2022/2023 Season. We are aiming to appoint one each of SATB but, depending on the candidates, we may diverge from that, particularly if we have multiple outstanding candidates in a voice part where the choir is less strong.

These scholarships may suit young singers who are looking to learn the oratorio repertoire in preparation for work as a professional choral singer or soloist. There will be solo and semi-chorus opportunities, for which you will receive coaching from the Artistic Director and Conductor, Philip Collin and, depending on the candidate's experience and ambitions, there may be opportunities to develop other skills such as conducting or coaching individual singers or small groups. There is no age limit for the scholarships but we imagine they will suit sixth form, undergraduate or postgraduate students.

[More Information](#)

Don't Forget!

30th October at 6.30 pm
Bach's *Mass in B minor*
at the Victoria Theatre.
Tickets are available now.

[Tickets and More Information](#)

Dates for your diary in 2022:

30th October Bach's *Mass in B minor* at Victoria Theatre
27th November [Carols and Brass](#) with Black Dyke Band at the Victoria Theatre
16th December [Candlelit Messiah](#) at Halifax Minster
21st December Carols at the Spiegletent, Piece Hall, Halifax

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