

Derby Bach Choir is amongst the most highly acclaimed amateur choirs in the East Midlands and has a core membership of just under 100 singers.

As an auditioning Choir this keeps the standard of singing within the Choir very high. We have a strong tradition of singing with professional soloists and we also have similar high standards for our orchestral and keyboard accompanists.



Derby Bach Choir was formed early in 1959 by Wallace Ross, who was Master of Music at Derby Cathedral. He led the Choir for more than 30 years, until in 1991 the baton was passed to John York Skinner following his career as an internationally renowned counter-tenor.

Richard Roddis, one of the finest choral conductors in the Midlands, became our Musical Director in 1999 and has since then conducted all of our major concerts.

As might be expected, Derby Bach Choir has a focus on Bach, but under Richard Roddis we have continued to expand our repertoire, performing many other great works. Recent concerts have spanned a range of choral works from Monteverdi to Jonathan Dove.



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JOIN US

We are always enthusiastic to welcome new members where we have spaces in sections.

We rehearse in Derby during the school term time on Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.30pm.

Limited scholarships/reduced memberships are available for students and those under 25.

If you are interested in joining us please contact our Choir Secretary at secretary@derbybachchoir.com

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Autumn Concert MOZART Mass in C minor PUCCINI Messa di Gloria

Saturday 16th November 2024 at 7:30pm
Derby Cathedral, DE1 3GP

Conductor: **Richard Roddis**
Derby Bach Orchestra
Leader: **Derek Williams**
Soloists: **Emma Tring, Cressida Sharp,**
Jason Darnell, Mike Dewis

Mozart's mass in C minor, also known as "The Great Mass", is considered one of his greatest works. He wrote it for Constanza, and it is likely that she sang the high-lying first soprano part.

Puccini composed his Messa di Gloria when he was only eighteen but it was performed only once during his lifetime. It was intended as a farewell to his association with sacred music. Comprising the usual mass sections (Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus and Benedictus, and Angus Dei), it is uncomplicated, direct and unashamedly operatic. A remarkably assured work for an eighteen-year-old, it is full of colour, vitality and musical surprises.

Tickets: £25 - £10, accompanied under-16s free

Come and Sing with Us MOZART Requiem

Saturday 23rd November 2024

Registration 10:30am; Performance 3:00pm
St. George's Church, Ticknall, DE73 7JU

Conductor: **James Foulds**
Organist: **Tom Corfield**

An informal morning & afternoon of rehearsing and performing Mozart's choral masterpiece.

Fee: £15, includes pre-performance drinks & canapés
See website for registration details & more information

Spring Concert "In Time of War" HAYDN Paukenmesse KODÁLY Missa Brevis

Saturday 29th March 2025 at 7:30pm
Derby Cathedral, DE1 3GP

Conductor: **Richard Roddis**
Derby Bach Orchestra
Leader: **Derek Williams**
Soloists: **Charlotte Trepess, Natalie Windsor,**
Liam McNally, Matt Jordan

Haydn's *Missa in tempore belli* (*Mass in time of war*) is so called because it was written in 1796/97 as Napoleon's forces were advancing towards Vienna. In German-speaking countries it is often referred to as the *Paukenmesse* (Timpani Mass) – the timpani play a significant part in the mass, especially in the Angus Dei where it heightens the intensity of the movement's prayer for mercy and peace.

Kodaly's *Missa Brevis* was written during the Second World War in 1945, when Red Army troops finally overcame the German forces who had been occupying Budapest. Kodaly, taking refuge in the cellar of the Budapest Opera House, reworked his purely instrumental *Organ Mass* of 1942 to create the *Missa Brevis*, which then had its first performance in the cloakroom of the Opera House.

Tickets: £25 (reserved centre nave),
£15 (unreserved inner side aisle),
£10 (outer side aisle – restricted view),
Accompanied under-16s free

Come and Sing with Us VIVALDI Gloria HANDEL Coronation Anthems

Saturday 10th May 2025 at 1:30pm
(see website for details)

St. George's Church, Ticknall, DE73 7JU

Conductor: **James Foulds**
Accompanist: **Tom Corfield**

An informal rehearsal and performance, followed by supper

Registration fee for singers: £28 (includes supper)
See website for more information

Summer Concert HANDEL Saul

Saturday 21st June 2025 at 7:30pm

St John the Evangelist Church, Mill Street, DE1 3HZ

Conductor: **Richard Roddis**
Organist: **Tom Corfield**

Handel's great dramatic oratorio, depicting the struggle between Saul and David, has all the best elements of theatre - love, death, heroism, envy, revenge, not to mention sorcery - and the most splendid music to boot!

Tickets: £15 (unreserved), students £5,
accompanied under-16s free
Includes refreshments

TICKETS

Tickets can be purchased at the venues, but to avoid disappointment please buy in advance:

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