

## Come and join us!

Our Choir Secretary Gail Hobbs would be delighted to tell you more about joining the choir. You need reasonable musical ability and must be able to attend weekly Wednesday evening rehearsals. Entrance is by audition, although as a prospective singer, you're welcome to join rehearsals for a couple of weeks before auditioning. We offer scholarships, providing free membership and music for full time students and a reduced subscription for singers under 26.

If you are interested, contact Gail Hobbs on 0116 270 7462 or email: [gailandtim13@hotmail.com](mailto:gailandtim13@hotmail.com)

## Become a Friend and enjoy ticket discounts and more.

Contact the Friends' Secretary Polly Bootle for details on 07815 944350 or email [pollybootle@gmail.com](mailto:pollybootle@gmail.com)



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### Tickets available from:

- Choir members
- Nicki Little 0116 291 2242
- Churchgate Music, 45 Churchgate, Leicester
- Visit Leicester Information Centre, 51 Gallowtree Gate, Leicester
- Online at [www.goleicestershire.com](http://www.goleicestershire.com)
- Or on the door

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# The Leicester Bach Choir

Music Director  
Richard Laing

President  
Joanne Lunn

We perform a wide range of sacred and secular classical music. We rehearse from 7.30-9.30pm on Wednesdays in St James the Greater Church, London Road, Leicester.

### What the Critics said:

April 2017

*J.S. Bach: St John Passion*

"The beauty of the music, the high standard of the singing and the delicacy of the chamber orchestra was fully appreciated. A fine performance of a magnificent work."



December 2016

*Duruflé: Requiem - Messe 'Cum Jubilo'*  
*Fauré: Messe Basse*

"One of the refreshing things about the Leicester Bach Choir is its willingness to experiment with programming in order to bring us lesser known works alongside perennial favourites. Their latest concert successfully juxtaposed both the Fauré Messe Basse and the Duruflé Messe 'Cum Jubilo'. Add to the mix a quite astonishing Te Deum for organ by Jeanne Demessieux, and you have a truly imaginative and memorable concert."

Photos: Sue Hutton

# 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season The Leicester Bach Choir

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## Concert Season

2017-2018

we sing more than  
Bach ...

Vaughan Williams

Holst

Brahms

Britten

Bruckner

Stanford

Mendelssohn

**Saturday 25th November 2017**  
St James the Greater Church  
London Road, Leicester  
7.30pm

**Ireland**     *A Downland Suite*

**Holst**        *The Hymn of Jesus*

**Britten**     *St Nicolas*

**Tenor**  
**Nicholas Ransley**



**Saturday 27th January 2018**  
Leicester Grammar School  
Great Glen

## **Come & Sing Day**



**Parry**  
*Blest Pair of Sirens*

**Vaughan Williams**  
*Toward the Unknown Region*

To register, visit our website at: [www.leicesterbachchoir.org.uk](http://www.leicesterbachchoir.org.uk)

**Saturday 24th March 2018**  
St James the Greater Church  
London Road, Leicester  
7.30pm

## **9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season Concert**

**Bach**             *Jesu, meine Freude*  
**Brahms**        *Geistliches Lied*  
**Schütz**         *Selig sind die Toten*  
**Mendelssohn**   *Verleih uns Frieden   Richte mich, Gott*  
**Bruckner**       *Ave Maria   Christus factus est*  
**Brahms**         *Warum ist das Licht gegeben*

*Organ music by Bach, Brahms, Rheinberger & Reger*

**Saturday 16th June 2018**  
St James the Greater Church  
London Road, Leicester  
7.30pm

**MacCunn**     *The Wreck of the Hesperus*  
**Vaughan Williams**   *The Lark Ascending*  
**Elgar**         *As Torrents in Summer*  
**Stanford**     *The Princess*

**Violin**  
**Shulah Oliver**



**Richard Laing**  
**Music Director**



The 2017-18 season will be Richard's fifteenth as Music Director of the Leicester Bach Choir. Richard is also Director of Nottingham Harmonic Choir, Somerset Chamber Choir, Cambridgeshire Choral Society, the Bach Camerata and Leamington Chamber Orchestra, Principal Guest Conductor of Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra and Hallam Sinfonia, and Associate Conductor of Chandos Symphony Orchestra. Richard studied at the RNCM, the University of Illinois, and at Birmingham Conservatoire where he was the Conducting Scholar and won the Postgraduate Prize. Richard has now established a reputation as one of the country's foremost choral directors. His work as Chorus Master with orchestras such as the Hallé and the BBC Symphony Orchestra includes *Alexander Nevsky*, *The Planets*, *The Music Makers*, *Carmina Burana*, *Belshazzar's Feast* and Poulenc's *Gloria*, but it all started here with the Leicester Bach Choir, his first job out of college. Richard is looking forward to the next fifteen years with the Choir.

[www.richardlaing.co.uk](http://www.richardlaing.co.uk)

**Joanne Lunn**  
**President**



Joanne performs around the world as a soprano soloist and has this to say about the Leicester Bach Choir.

"The choir is a vibrant, enthusiastic and friendly group who produce good choral music in a demanding schedule of concerts each year...and they have great fun together. Surely that is what music making is all about."