

The friendly choir rehearsing
at
Beckenham Methodist Church
on
Monday evenings

Venue



BECKENHAM METHODIST CHURCH
is on Bromley Road at the corner of
Bevington Road not far from Beckenham
Junction Station, the Tramlink terminal
and several bus routes. There is a large
public car park nearby in St. George's
Road (free after 7.30 pm). Pay and
Display operates in Bevington Road until
8.00 pm every day.



The SLS is affiliated to Making Music (the National
Federation of Music Societies) and the Bromley Arts
Council.

INFORMATION

REHEARSALS – are held on Monday
evenings from September 9th at 7.45pm
in the upstairs hall at Beckenham
Methodist Church, Bromley Road,
Beckenham, with Julian Collings, their
new Musical Director, and David Thorne,
Accompanist.

MEMBERSHIP – Prospective new
members are asked to meet the Director
for a brief voice test, usually by their
third rehearsal. At the moment the choir
has vacancies in all voices and
experienced singers would be especially
welcome. An annual subscription is
payable. Anyone interested should
contact Mary Cook on 020 8656 2815 or
email: mary.cook@talktalk.net.

SOCIAL EVENTS – form a regular part of
the choir's season and have included
dinners, barbecues, parties, informal
madrigal singing, quiz nights and country
walks.

FRIENDS and PATRONS – The SLS has a
very successful Friends and Patrons'
Scheme. In return for a modest donation
they receive advance details of concerts,
a reduction of the ticket price and
invitations to the choir's regular social
events. If you would like to support the
SLS by becoming a Friend please contact
the Friends' Secretary James Heathcote
on 020 8698 5650

Much more information about the choir is
available on our **WEBSITE**:
www.harmony.demon.co.uk/sls

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SOUTH
LONDON
SINGERS

MUSICAL DIRECTOR
JULIAN
COLLINGS



2013 - 2014

The South London Singers in their Thirty-second Season!

Founded in 1982, the SLS is a thriving group of about 35 members, now firmly established in the local music scene. Three or four concerts are usually presented each season in the Beckenham area.

The repertoire features a wide variety of sacred and secular music by composers of all periods from the 15th century to the present day, either unaccompanied or with keyboard or a small group of instrumentalists.

English music has been a strong element in the programming, especially under the directorship of John Nightingale who retired from the post after 25 years in May 2013. Other works by a wide cross-section of continental and non-European composers have also been included. Occasionally rather more ambitious programming of larger works has seen the choir working with a small chamber orchestra but the original ethos remains to complement the works of other local choral societies rather than to compete.

The SLS look forward eagerly to the first season with their new Musical Director and hope to build on previous success.

The choir is always looking for new members and they warmly invite any interested singer to join them for their 'Open Rehearsals' on 9th and 16th September when they will be rehearsing John Rutter's Requiem.

TICKETS AT £10 ARE OBTAINABLE FROM ANY
CHOIR MEMBER OR FROM THE BOX OFFICE
020 8656 2815
Or TC's coffee shop at Beckenham Methodist
Church Monday – Friday 10.30am – 2.30pm
OR AT THE DOOR

Programme for 2013-2014

SATURDAY 9th November 2013

Beckenham Methodist Church

John Rutter: Requiem

And music by

Bach, John Tavener and

Arvo Pärt

SATURDAY 14th December 2013

Beckenham Methodist Church

Carols for Charity

Including excerpts from

Handel's Messiah

SATURDAY 29th March 2014

Italian Masterworks

With music by

Vivaldi, Palestrina,

Monteverdi and Pergolesi

SATURDAY 28th June 2014

Summer Concert

'We are the Music Makers'

All concerts start at 7.45 pm and feature
the conductor Julian Collings and
accompanist David Thorne

Musical Director

Julian Collings was educated as an organ scholar at Tonbridge School in Kent before winning an organ scholarship to Christ's College Cambridge in 1999. During his time at Christ's, Julian accompanied the college choir to Scandinavia, the USA and Canada both as organist and as conductor and also played on a number of critically acclaimed CD releases.

After graduation Julian held a number of posts including deputy organist at St. George's Beckenham and is currently Director of Music at St. Cyprian's Church, Clarence Gate. In addition to his church work, Julian is Musical Director of the London Chamber Choir Ad Libitum and founding Musical Director of the Contempo Ensemble, a professional vocal group promoting the choral works of living composers. He is organ tutor at Forest School and teaches privately throughout the London area. In January 2012 he was appointed a Musical Director of Singingworks.

As a recitalist Julian has performed extensively both in the UK and overseas as well as broadcasting for BBC radio. He regularly collaborates with the cellist Rebecca Hewes, giving concerts all over the world. Julian was appointed Musical Director of the SLS in May 2013 from a strong field of applicants and looks forward to a return to the Beckenham Music scene.