The friendly choir rehearsing at Beckenham Methodist Church on Monday evenings

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 8th at 7.45pm in the upstairs hall at Beckenham Methodist Church, Bromley Road, Beckenham, with Julian Collings, their 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 (currently £180). 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 SLS Chairman Alan Tod on 020 8402 6546.

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

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33RD SEASON

SOUTH LONDON SINGERS

MUSICAL DIRECTOR
JULIAN COLLINGS

2014 – 2015
The South London Singers in their Thirty-third 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 session 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 very much enjoyed the first season with their new Musical Director Julian Collings who introduced some new repertoire alongside the familiar and brought some youthful enthusiasm for singing.

The choir is always looking for new members and they warmly invite any interested singer to join them for their 'Open Rehearsals' on 8th and 15th September when they will begin rehearsing for the first concert.

Programme for 2014-2015

SATURDAY 15th November 2014
Beckenham Methodist Church
Voices of Faith
Mendelssohn: Hear my Prayer
Vaughan Williams: Five Mystical Songs
Britten: Rejoice in the Lamb

SATURDAY 31st January 2015
Beckenham Methodist Church
Gloria in Excelsis!
Vivaldi: Gloria
Pergolesi: Magnificat

SATURDAY 4th July 2015
Beckenham Methodist Church
Independence Day Concert
Including
Bernstein: West Side Story Medley
Lauridsen: Sure on This Shining Night
Rutter: Feel the Spirit

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 is enjoying a return to the Beckenham Music scene.