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.

PENGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH is at 172 High Street, SE20 7QS. The nearest BR Station is Kent House and many buses serve central Penge. On-street parking is available.

INFORMATION

OPEN REHEARSALS will be held on Mondays 7th and 14th September at 7.45pm when all interested singers are invited to come along and experience an SLS rehearsal. The choir meets on Mondays during term-time 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 of a minimum of £180 is payable. Anyone interested should contact Mary Cook email: mary.cook@talktalk.net or on 020 8656 2815.

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 8246.

Much more information about the choir is available on our WEBSITE:
www.southlondonsingers.org.uk

34th Season

SOUTH LONDON SINGERS

MUSICAL DIRECTOR

JULIAN COLLINGS

2015-2016

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

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The South London Singers in their Thirty-fourth 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 have very much enjoyed the first two seasons with their current Musical Director Julian Collings who has 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 7th and 14th September when they will begin rehearsing for the first concert.

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Programme for 2015-2016

**SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2015**
Penge Congregational Church
**A Concert marking the centenary of the church’s organ**
PÄRT - Salve Regina
LAURIDSEN - Lux Aeterna
TAVENER - Funeral Ikos

**SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER 2015**
Beckenham Methodist Church
**CAROLS FOR CHARITY**

**SATURDAY 9th APRIL 2016**
Beckenham Methodist Church
**THE GERMAN TRADITION**
HAYDN - Little Organ Mass
MOZART - Ave Verum Corpus, K618
TELEMANN - Laudate Jehovam
BUXTEHUDE - Magnificat

**SATURDAY 9th July 2016**
Beckenham Methodist Church
**A summer concert**
INSPIRED BY JAZZ
CHILCOTT - A Little Jazz Music
SHEARING - Songs and Sonnets

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

**TICKETS AT £11/£12.50 ARE OBTAINABLE FROM ANY CHOIR MEMBER OR FROM THE BOX OFFICE 020 8656 2815 or at TC’s coffee shop at Beckenham Methodist Church Monday – Friday 10.30am – 2.30pm OR AT THE DOOR**

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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 Barnes Choir and the London Chamber Choir Ad Libitum as well as 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.