

## **Lancaster and District Male Voice Choir**

### **Joining the Choir**

#### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

##### **When does the Choir rehearse?**

Tuesdays 7pm to 9pm with the option to extend for a further 15 minutes if necessary. Rehearsals take place every Tuesday between the beginning of August and the end of May. There is usually a two week break over Christmas but not at Easter.

##### **Where does the Choir rehearse?**

The School Room, Lancaster Methodist Church, Scotforth Road, Lancaster

##### **How much will it cost?**

We charge an annual subscription for membership of the Choir due in April. New members get 3 months free in which they can 'try before they buy' to see if joining a choir is what they want to do. It equally gives the Choir an opportunity to see if the new member will fit in. The annual subscription is agreed each year at the Annual General Meeting of the Choir in January. Contact a member of Committee (see Personnel link on the web-site) for the current rate.

##### **Are there any reduced subscription rates?**

Student members do not pay a subscription. If a member experiences difficulty in paying the membership fee then this can be discussed with the Choir Treasurer to see if alternatives can be agreed.

##### **What about clothing?**

Rehearsals are informal and there is no dress requirement.

The Choir has agreed wear for all its concerts and events. These are as follows:

1. Formal:                   Choir Blazer\*, White Shirt, Choir Tie\*, with or without Red Rose\*
2. Informal:                Black Trousers, White Shirt, Choir Jumper\*, with or without Choir Tie\*

Images in the Gallery section of the web-site give examples.

(Items with asterisks above are supplied by the Choir. For blazer, jumper and tie a one off returnable deposit of £30 is charged. The Blazer is a new item introduced in September 2017).

##### **What about music?**

The Choir has an extensive music library and all music is supplied by the Choir. It agrees a repertoire for the year and each member is issued with a wallet of those items (usually around 40), a ring back folder for rehearsal music and a burgundy ring back folder for music at concerts. The Music Director sets the music for a particular event and determines the rehearsal schedule. Each year members indicate their music choices for the year ahead and then this is organised and agreed through the Librarian.

##### **How is the Choir Organised?**

The Choir is the members. The general running of the Choir is done through a Committee elected at the AGM in January. The musical organisation of the Choir is in the hands of the Musical Director employed by the Choir.