



Nottingham  
**Bach**  
CHOIR

CONCERT SEASON  
**2018-19**

"I would like to commend the 2018-2019 Season, not just because it is my final season with Nottingham Bach Choir, but also because the music is of the very finest. Those who have experienced an NBC *St Matthew Passion* in Southwell Minster in the past will know very well just how sublime this great work sounds in those inspiring surroundings. With a star team of soloists and the ever-stylish Orchestra da Camera we should be in for another treat.

The music of Edward Elgar has always been close to my heart; *The Apostles* is probably my favourite of his oratorios and it is a great joy to me that despite the ferocious cost of mounting a performance, I have been allowed to feature it in my final season. Do join us in an evening of unforgettable melodies and remarkable drama.

For my final concert, in June, we strike a more intimate note, and feature Bach's most challenging motet (*Singet dem Herrn*) as well as popular tuneful works by Haydn and Vaughan Williams, an organ duet by Wesley, an organ solo played by me, and, to cap it all, Parry's grand *Blest pair of sirens*. Why not sign up for all three concerts? I look forward to welcoming you."

**Paul Hale**  
*Director of Music*



Paul Hale was Cathedral organist at Southwell Minster from 1989 until summer 2016, having previously worked at Rochester Cathedral and Tonbridge School. Ever since his days as an organ scholar of New College, Oxford, he has assembled, trained and conducted choral groups, from 10 voices to 110, as well as running many training events for singers in the UK, Europe and the USA. Paul has been director of the Nottingham Bach Choir since 1990 and is as full of ideas and enthusiasm as he was when he first started.

### About the Choir

Nottingham Bach Choir was founded in 1954 by our president, Sir David Lumsden. The Choir has enjoyed a series of distinguished conductors including Sir David, Professor John Morehen and the late Professors Ivor Keys, Denis Arnold and Robert Pascall. Paul Hale became Director of Music in 1989.

More than 100 members meet weekly in term-time to sing a wide repertoire including Gabrieli, Handel, Bach, Mozart, Brahms, Elgar, Fauré, Holst, Howells, Duruflé, Rutter and others. The Choir is a self-governing registered charity organised by a voluntary committee.



### Our Orchestra

For most of its 60 years Nottingham Bach Choir has enjoyed the support of local instrumental players who form the Nottingham Bach Players led by Derek Williams.

### Contact Us

We rehearse in term time on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in St John's Church, Carrington.

If you would like to sing with us please contact our membership secretary Judy Fowkes by emailing [membership@nottinghambachchoir.org.uk](mailto:membership@nottinghambachchoir.org.uk)

For general enquiries please contact Judy Fowkes by calling 01522 389780 or by emailing her at [secretary@nottinghambachchoir.org.uk](mailto:secretary@nottinghambachchoir.org.uk)

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**PAUL HALE**  
Farewell Concert

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 7.30pm  
St Mary's Church, Lace Market

## EDWARD ELGAR

### The Apostles

**Philippa Boyle** *Soprano*  
**Oliver Johnston** *Tenor*  
**Stephen Cooper** *Baritone*

Elgar's magnificent work "The Apostles" tells the story of Jesus' preaching, miracles, betrayal and death, and the effects it had on the people around him. Elgar was particularly interested in the motivations of sinners, and Mary Magdalene and Judas Iscariot have important parts. It calls for a huge Romantic orchestra and contains some of the soaring and stirring melodies so characteristic of Elgar's music.

**Jessica Gillingwater** *Mezzo*  
**Marcus Farnsworth** *Baritone*  
**Julian Empett** *Bass*

You may like to look out for the recurring themes or "leitmotifs", each of which is a kind of musical symbol for a person or idea which is central to the story.

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## Coffee Break Christmas Concert

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 11am  
St Peter's Church, Nottingham

Conductor - Peter Siepmann

The choir will celebrate the run-up to Christmas with Peter Siepmann, our Accompanist and Assistant Director of Music, in an Advent concert based around Carols for Choirs Book 5. Do come and join us!

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Southwell Minster  
Part I 3.45pm to 5.15pm, Part II 7.30pm to 9.45pm

## J S BACH

### St Matthew Passion

*With Orchestra da Camera*

**Rogers Covey-Crump** *Evangelist*  
**Helen Charlston** *Mezzo/Alto*  
**Peter Harris** *Tenor*

Every few years, the choir loves to return to this, one of the great pillars of sacred music. Full of drama and pathos in the telling of the story of Christ's Passion, the varied solos are interspersed by hymn-like chorales (originally for the congregation to join in).

**Giles Underwood** *Christus*  
**Rachel Ambrose Evans** *Soprano*  
**Geoff Williams** *Bass*

The soloists are often partnered by particular instruments from the orchestra, giving each aria a special colour. Whether this is your first or you hundredth hearing, there is always something new and profound to discover in this monumental work.

## Supporting the Choir

If you enjoy our concerts and would like to give further support you are warmly invited to become a Friend of the Choir. You will receive advance notice of all our concerts. Tickets can also be posted to you. Local business people who would be willing to offer greater assistance are invited to become Corporate Friends.

For further details please contact Mrs Maureen Hollins by emailing [maurenehollins@gmail.com](mailto:maurenehollins@gmail.com)

Please note that programme items, venues and dates may be subject to late change, please visit the Nottingham Bach Choir website at [www.nottinghambachchoir.org.uk](http://www.nottinghambachchoir.org.uk) for current information.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019, 7.30pm  
St Mary's Church, Lace Market

## PAUL HALE

### Farewell Concert

Featuring choral works by Haydn, J S Bach, Vaughan Williams and Parry and organ pieces by Wesley and Franck.

**Stephen Cooper** *Baritone*

As Paul retires after 29 seasons as our Conductor and Director of Music, we asked him to suggest some pieces for a lighter celebratory event to mark his fantastic work with us since 1990!

You'll be treated to works by Haydn, Wesley, J S Bach, Vaughan Williams, César Franck and Hubert Parry, including some organ music played by Paul and works for full choir. Definitely one not to miss!

## Purchasing Tickets

Tickets for each of our concerts are available from the ticket secretary by email at [tickets@nottinghambachchoir.org.uk](mailto:tickets@nottinghambachchoir.org.uk). Tickets are also available from Nottingham Tourism Centre, Smithy Row, by calling **0844 477 5678**. Additionally tickets are available from choir members, on the door at our concerts or through our website at [www.nottinghambachchoir.org.uk](http://www.nottinghambachchoir.org.uk)

## 2019-20 Season Concert Dates

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
November 2019,  
St Mary's Church,  
Lace Market  
Haydn -  
*The Seasons*

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>  
March 2020,  
St Mary's Church,  
Lace Market  
Handel -  
*Messiah*

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>  
June 2020,  
St Mary's Church,  
Lace Market  
Summer Concert