



# THE HARDYNGE CHOIR

**Honorary President** Sasha Johnson Manning  
**Musical Director** Rufus Frowde  
**Accompanist & Deputy Musical Director**  
Matthew Woodward

The Hardynges Choir started as an evening class over 50 years ago, and now provides a challenging outlet for singers wishing to perform mostly the mainstream choral repertoire. Three or four concerts are given each year, usually with professional orchestras and soloists.

We are unusual among successful large choirs in that there are no formal individual auditions for entry or ongoing membership. We believe that singing should be taken seriously with commitment and effort, but above all should be fun and open to as many people as possible. The Hardynges Choir is proud of its many years of inclusive approach to membership.



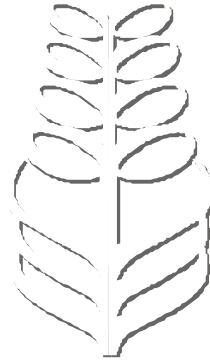
[www.hardyngeschoir.org](http://www.hardyngeschoir.org)

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**Tickets** are available from the Ticket Secretary at [tickets@hardyngeschoir.org](mailto:tickets@hardyngeschoir.org) or on 0845 475 1664\*.

\* Calls cost 5p [plus 5p per minute after the first 60 seconds] plus your phone company's access charge.



**For the latest concert information visit**  
[www.hardyngeschoir.org/concerts.html](http://www.hardyngeschoir.org/concerts.html)

Are you interested in joining the choir?

New members will find The Hardynges Choir hard-working, but friendly and welcoming. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings in St Helen's School, Wheathampstead. Currently there are vacancies for all voices, especially tenors and basses.

Please contact Primrose Watts, Membership Secretary at [membership@hardyngeschoir.org](mailto:membership@hardyngeschoir.org) for membership details.

The Hardynges Choir is grateful to the  
**Williams Church Music Trust**  
for generous financial support.



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## CONCERT DIARY

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## 2022-23 SEASON



## 15 October 2022, 7:30pm The Creation

Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban  
*St Albans St Cecilia Festival Society Concert*  
James Francis Brown - **Heartwood Wilding**  
(World premiere) \*

Franz Josef Haydn - **The Creation** #

St Cecilia Festival Society  
*Aeolian Singers,*  
*Hardynge Choir,*  
*Radlett Choral Society,*  
*St Albans Chamber Choir*  
*St Albans Symphony Orchestra*

\* Conducted by James Francis Brown  
# Conducted by John Gibbons

Tickets: Available from the Cathedral website:

<https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/event/st-albans-st-cecilia-festival-society>

From the Cathedral Box Office in the Gift Shop  
(10.00am - 5:00pm, Mon - Sat; 1pm - 5:00pm, Sun)  
Or Telephone 01727 890290

## 19 December 2022, 8:00pm Magnificat

St John's Church, Harpenden

A selection of Marian music and festive readings.  
Marian music, venerating the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
includes much beautiful music for Christmas.

Conducted by Rufus Frowde

There will be seasonal refreshments  
in the Church Hall after the concert.

Refreshments are included in the Ticket Price.

## 25 March 2023, 7:30pm Spring Concert

High Street Methodist Church, Harpenden

Lili Boulanger - **Hymne au Soleil (1912)**

Francis Poulenc - **Organ Concerto**

Gabriel Fauré - **Pavane**

Maurice Duruflé - **Requiem**

Conducted by Rufus Frowde

During her short life Lili Boulanger developed a distinctive personal style, and composed a huge variety of works, all with great inventiveness. The **Hymne au soleil** (Hymn to the sun) for mixed choir, alto solo, and piano, was written in 1912 to a poem by Casimir Delavigne.

Poulenc's **Organ Concerto**, completed in 1938 is one of his most famous works. Although called a concerto, it's actually more like a fantasia in a single movement. While writing the concerto he obtained technical advice from Maurice Duruflé (who gave the work's première in 1939).

Fauré's **Pavane** is a short work written in 1887, based on the slow processional Spanish court dance of the same name. Fauré described it as "elegant, assuredly, but not particularly important", but it has become one of his most popular works.

Duruflé published only eleven works, most of which have liturgical themes and texts. Duruflé's beautiful **Requiem** is his most famous pieces akin to Fauré's familiar setting in its sense of serene optimism.

## 23 September 2023, 7:30pm Our Fair Ladies

St John's Church, Markyate

Explore with us Hertfordshire's rich musical and literary heritage:

**Hertfordshire Folksongs**

Sasha Johnson-Manning - **Three Songs**

Richard Sisson - **The Wicked Lady**

Elton John/Tim Rice - **Lion King Medley**

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange - **Faith, Hope & Love**

A. L'Estrange - **Love's Philosophy (3 songs)**

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange & A. L'Estrange –

**Spring will come again**

Loewe, arr. Strommen - **My Fair Lady Medley**

Matthew Woodward - piano

Jazz Trio

Children's Choir

Conducted by Rufus Frowde

## 18 December 2023, 8:00pm Christmas in Blue

St John's Church, Harpenden

Festive jazz, Christmas close harmony,  
and festive readings.

Conducted by Rufus Frowde

There will be seasonal refreshments  
in the Church Hall after the concert.

Refreshments are included in the Ticket Price.