

*The Chapter House Choir has been delighting audiences for over 50 years with a diverse mixture of a cappella and accompanied choral music from across the centuries and around the globe. Building on a highly successful first year with our Musical Director, Benjamin Morris, the 2018–2019 season offers a wide range of programmes, from contemplative to lighter, popular works.*



Formed in 1965 to raise funds for the York Minster Appeal, the choir has built up a reputation as one of the North of England's foremost amateur chamber choirs.

The Chapter House Choir regularly commissions new music: over recent years this has included *Everyone Sang* by Roderick Williams (premiered with The Kings Singers); *Song Cycle: Vive la vélorution* by Alexander L'Estrange for the Tour de France in Yorkshire; and *Arcadia* by Judith Bingham, commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the start of WWI, as well as pieces by Gabriel Jackson, Bob Chilcott, Paul Mottram and the choir's founder conductor, Andrew Carter.

*Excerpts from press reviews of  
Chapter House Choir concerts. . .*

“Phrases were shaped with tender consistency...  
lines ebbed and flowed seamlessly  
in and out of the texture.”

“Under the assertive direction of Benjamin Morris,  
the repertoire was handled impressively  
by the Chapter House Choir, who maintained  
clarity and balance throughout the entire  
a cappella programme.”

President: *The Honourable Dr John Sentamu, Archbishop of York*

Vice-President: *Andrew Carter*

### KEEP IN TOUCH

If you would like to join our mailing list or become a Patron of the Chapter House Choir to receive priority information on tickets and special offers please visit our website [www.chapterhousechoir.org](http://www.chapterhousechoir.org).

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# CHAPTER HOUSE CHOIR



2018–2019  
Season Programme

*Musical Director: Benjamin Morris*

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Please note that although correct at the time of going to print all concert details including programmes, venues, dates and ticket prices may be subject to change. Please visit our website for the most up to date information.

## 13 OCTOBER

### Nineteen Eighteen

**Saturday 13 October 2018, 7.30pm,  
The Chapter House, York Minster**

We mark three significant 100-year anniversaries: C H H Parry's death, the granting of women's suffrage and later the right for women to be elected to parliament, and the forthcoming 100th anniversary on 11/11/18 of the armistice in the First World War. Our programme includes several of Parry's masterful *Songs of Farewell*, C V Stanford's virtuosic 8-part Magnificat and the BBC Radio 3 commissioned work, *The Pankhurst Anthem* - words and music by Helen and Lucy Pankhurst - for which we will be joined by the Chapter House Youth Choir.

*Tickets - £15 and £13.50 concessions.  
Students / under 18s - £5.*

## 23 OCTOBER

### Open Rehearsal

**Tuesday 23 October 2018, 7.15–9.15 pm,  
The Belfrey Hall, 52A Stonegate, York YO1 8AS.  
Nearest parking: Bootham Row Car Park.**

Come just to listen or to join us in singing as we prepare for our Carols by Candlelight concert, plus an opportunity to meet and talk to choir members and our director during the break. Refreshments provided.

*Tickets - No charge.*

## 19 DECEMBER

### Carols by Candlelight

**Wednesday 19 December 2018, 7.30pm,  
the Chapter House, York Minster.**

*With the Handbell Ringers of the  
Chapter House Choir.*

The Chapter House Choir performs its trademark traditional *Carols by Candlelight*. A limited number of tickets will be available for this concert, so be sure to book early. Patrons are offered early booking.

*Tickets - £20 (no concessions).*

## 21 DECEMBER

### Mirabile Mysterium

**Friday 21 December 2018, 7.30pm,  
St-Michael-le-Belfrey Church, York.**

*With the Chapter House Youth Choir and  
The Handbell Ringers of the Chapter House Choir.*

Celebrate the festive season with carols old and new. The Chapter House Choir will perform alongside the Chapter House Youth Choir and the Handbell Ringers.

*Tickets - £15 and £13.50 concessions.  
Students / under 18s - £5.*

## 23 MARCH

### Under the Shadow of his Wing

**Saturday 23 March 2019, 7.30pm,  
St Olave's Church, Marygate, York.**

This concert will comprise the first performance outside London of Jonathan Rathbone's *Under the Shadow of his Wing*, an extended setting of the service of Vespers, premiered originally by the Vasari Singers at St Alban's Church, Holborn in October 2014 to a rapturous reception.

*Tickets - £15 and £13.50 concessions.  
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## 22 & 29 JUNE

### Sounds of Summer

**Saturday 22 June 2019, 7.30pm,  
St Chad's Church, Campleshon Rd, York.**

**Saturday 29 June 2019, 7.30pm,  
St Mary's Church, Kirkgate, Thirsk.**

Join us in one of two new venues for the choir as we perform a variety of choral classics including Vaughan Williams *Three Shakespeare Songs*, Handel's *Zadok the Priest*, Parry's *I was glad*, Britten's *Hymn to St Cecilia* and works by Elgar, Stanford, Chilcott and others.

*Tickets - both concerts - £5*

### *Date for your Diary*

**'Come and Sing' Day with Bob Chilcott:  
Saturday 28 September 2019**

### *Benjamin Morris*



Benjamin Morris is Assistant Director of Music at York Minster, playing for services and accompanying the choir and training the choristers in the Minster's daily cycle of music, in concerts, tours, recordings and broadcasts. He was previously Organ Scholar and then Assistant Organist at Jesus College, Cambridge, graduating with a double First in Music. Whilst in Cambridge, Benjamin spent a period running and directing Jesus College's two choirs, and conducted orchestral works including Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20 in D minor and sell-out performances of Milhaud's chamber opera, *Le Pauvre Matelot*.

With recent venues including Westminster Abbey, Leeds Town Hall and Norway's Kristiansand Cathedral, Benjamin is regularly engaged as a recitalist and has also performed under Sir Roger Norrington, Howard Shelley, and Stephen Cleobury, and played organ and harpsichord continuo alongside His Majestys Sagbutts and Cornetts, The Saraband Consort and Britten Sinfonia. He is a prizewinning Fellow of the Royal College of Organists.

### *The Chapter House Youth Choir*

The Chapter House Choir is committed to inspiring the next generation of choral singers and to mark our 50th anniversary year we launched a new Youth Choir for talented singers aged 13-19. The group has worked with a member of The King's Singers and performed alongside The King's Singers and The Chapter House Choir in York Minster, has sung Evensong at Durham Cathedral and been broadcast as the choir on Radio 4's 'The Daily Service', as well performing concerts in and around York. If you are (or know of) a young singer who would like the opportunity to join a high-quality chamber choir in York please get in touch via our website [www.chapterhousechoir.org](http://www.chapterhousechoir.org)

### *Buying Concert Tickets*

Tickets for concerts on 13 October and 19 December are available in person from York Minster (Mon-Sat 9am-4.30pm; Sun 12.45pm-3pm) **Online:** [www.boxoffice.yorkminster.org](http://www.boxoffice.yorkminster.org).

Tickets for all other concerts are available from York Theatre Royal Box Office, St Leonard's Square, York. **Telephone 01904 557 208** (Mon-Fri 9am-4.30pm) **Online:** [www.yorktheatreroyal.co.uk](http://www.yorktheatreroyal.co.uk)

General ticket sales open on 7/9/18, but Carols by Candlelight tickets will be available only for Patrons until 21/9/18. If you would like to support the choir by becoming a Patron, please visit our website for details [www.chapterhousechoir.org](http://www.chapterhousechoir.org).