

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.



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

#### INFORMATION

**REHEARSALS** – are held on Monday  
evenings from September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm  
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 is  
payable (currently £180). Anyone  
interested should contact Mary Cook on  
020 8656 2815 or email:  
mary.cook@talktalk.net.

**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.harmony.demon.co.uk/sls](http://www.harmony.demon.co.uk/sls)

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## 33<sup>RD</sup> SEASON

# SOUTH LONDON SINGERS

MUSICAL DIRECTOR  
**JULIAN  
COLLINGS**



## 2014 - 2015

## *The South London Singers in their Thirty-third 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 very much enjoyed the first season with their new Musical Director Julian Collings who 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 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September when they will begin rehearsing for the first concert.

### **Programme for 2014-2015**

#### **SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

Beckenham Methodist Church

#### **Voices of Faith**

Mendelssohn : Hear my Prayer

Vaughan Williams : Five Mystical Songs

Britten : Rejoice in the Lamb

#### **SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015**

Beckenham Methodist Church

#### **Gloria in Excelsis!**

Vivaldi : Gloria

Pergolesi : Magnificat

#### **SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

Beckenham Methodist Church

#### **Independence Day Concert**

Including

Bernstein – West Side Story Medley

Lauridsen : Sure on this Shining Night

Rutter : Feel the Spirit

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

TICKETS AT £11/£12 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

## *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 London Chamber Choir Ad Libitum and 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.