



Otlely Choral Society

Information for new members 2026/27

Welcome to Otlely Choral Society. We hope you will enjoy singing with us.

Rehearsals are in the Lower Hall at Prince Henry's Grammar School, Farnley Lane, Otley on Tuesday evenings from 7.00pm to 9.00pm with a short break at half time. The season runs from September until early May. There are no rehearsals during the summer months.

The current annual subscription is £170. This may be paid:

- 1) in its entirety in September, or
- 2) as two instalments - £85 in September, £85 in January.

Case by case concessions can be made to the subscription where appropriate and to anyone under 35, a 50% reduction.

For all our concerts we join with Ilkley Choral Society with whom we share a Musical Director, currently Alex Kyle. We perform 4 concerts each season in November, December (Messiah), March and early May. Two concerts are held in Otley Parish Church and two in St Margaret's Church, Ilkley. We expect that you will make every effort to sing in every concert.

The cost of music hire is included in the subscription except for performances of Messiah. You will be expected to provide your own vocal score for this, preferably New Novello Edition (ed. Shaw).

Concert dress for ladies is long-sleeved black tops with black trousers or ankle length black skirts. For gentlemen, black shirt (in lieu of black tie) and black trousers.

Please make sure that any changes in your contact details are notified promptly to the Membership Secretary. In the event of a rehearsal being cancelled at short notice, we will email all members and contact by phone any who do not have email. It is therefore very important that we do have the correct information.

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