

City of Birmingham Choir concerts from 1964.
Concerts were conducted by Christopher Robinson and took place
in Birmingham Town Hall with the CBSO unless otherwise stated.

Messiah concerts and *Carols for All* concerts are listed separately.

1964

- Mar 17** **Vaughan Williams: Overture ‘The Wasps’**
Finzi: Intimations of Immortality
Vaughan Williams: Dona Nobis Pacem
Elizabeth Simon John Dobson Peter Glossop
Christopher Robinson conducts the Choir for the first time
- Jun 6** **Britten: War Requiem**
Heather Harper Wilfred Brown Thomas Hemsley
Performed in St Alban’s Abbey
Meredith Davies’ final concert as conductor of the Choir
- Nov 11 & 12** **Britten: War Requiem**
(Nov 11 in Wolverhampton Civic Hall Nov 12 in Birmingham Town Hall)
Jacqueline Delman Kenneth Bowen John Shirley-Quirk
Boy Choristers of Worcester Cathedral
CBSO concert conducted by Hugo Rignold

1965

- Feb 27** **Rossini: Petite Messe Solennelle**
Barbara Elsy Janet Edmunds Gerald English Neil Howlett Colin Sherratt (Piano)
Harry Jones (Piano) David Pettit (Organ)
Performed in the Priory Church of Leominster
- Mar 11** **Holst: The Planets**
CBSO concert conducted by Hugo Rignold
- Mar 18** **Beethoven: Choral Symphony**
Jennifer Vyvyan Norma Proctor William McAlpine Owen Brannigan
CBSO concert conducted by Hugo Rignold
- Mar 30** **Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius**
Marjorie Thomas Alexander Young Roger Stalman
- May 18** **Durufié: Requiem**
Poulenc: Organ Concerto
Poulenc: Gloria
Elizabeth Harwood Sybil Michelow Hervey Alan Roy Massey (Organ)

Jun 2 **Rossini: Petite Messe Solennelle**
Elizabeth Newman Miriam Horne Philip Russell Derek Morphy
Colin Sherratt (Piano) Harry Jones (Piano) Malcolm Hicks (Organ)
Performed in St Paul's Church, Hockley, Birmingham

Jun 19 **Holst: The Planets**
CBSO concert conducted by Sir Adrian Boult

Nov 16 **Mendelssohn: Elijah**
Ilse Wolf Janet Baker John Mitchinson Forbes Robinson
Bicentenary of Birmingham General Hospital

1966

Jan 27 **Britten: Cantata Academica**
Jennifer Vyvyan Helen Watts John Mitchinson Owen Brannigan
CBSO concert conducted by Hugo Rignold
First Birmingham performance BBC Broadcast

Apr 8 **Bach: St Matthew Passion**
Noelle Barker Helen Watts Kenneth Bowen Gerald English John Carol Case
John Shirley-Quirk Boys from King Edward VI Grammar School
CBSO concert with Birmingham Choral Union
Conducted by Harold Gray

Jun 14 **John Joubert: Urbs Beata**
Verdi: Four Sacred Pieces
Gerald English John Noble
First Birmingham performance of Urbs Beata
John Joubert present

Jun 26 **Beethoven: Choral Symphony**
Jennifer Vyvyan Norma Proctor Ronald Dowd Owen Brannigan
CBSO concert conducted by Hugo Rignold

Nov 13 **British Legion Festival of Remembrance**
Margery Elliott
Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra
60 singers from the Choir Conducted by Malcolm Hicks

Nov 22 **Haydn: Mass in B flat (Theresienmesse)**
Hazel Schmidt Janet Edmunds Ian Partridge Bryan Drake
Boy choristers of Worcester Cathedral Bartley Green Girls' Grammar School Choir

1967

Mar 24 **Bach: St Matthew Passion**
Mary Thomas Janet Baker Nigel Rogers David Johnston Thomas Hemsley
John Shirley-Quirk Midland Boy Singers
CBSO concert with Birmingham Choral Union

Apr 25 **Handel: Dixit Dominus**
Janáček: Festival Mass
Elizabeth Harwood Jean Alister John Mitchinson John Carol Case

July 8 **Beethoven: Choral Symphony**
Doreen Price Sylvia Swan Kenneth Bowen Roger Stalman
CBSO concert conducted by Hugo Rignold

Nov 21 **Haydn: The Seasons**
Angela Beale Gerald English John Holmes

1968

Mar 21 **Beethoven: Choral Symphony**
Heather Harper Marjorie Thomas John Mitchinson Don Garrard
CBSO concert conducted by Hugo Rignold

Apr 2 **Mozart: Solemn Vespers**
Crosse: Changes
Noelle Barker John Noble
First Birmingham performance of Changes
Gordon Crosse present

Apr 12 **Bach: St Matthew Passion**
Eileen Poulter Helen Watts Peter Bamber Christopher Field Brian Holmes
Midland Boy Singers
CBSO concert with Birmingham Choral Union
Conducted by Harold Gray

Sep 17 **Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius**
Jean Alister Ronald Dowd John Carol Case
Birmingham Festival Conducted by Sir Adrian Boult

Sep 21 **Handel: Utrecht Te Deum**
Beethoven: Choral Symphony
Elizabeth Harwood Helen Watts John Mitchinson Philip Russell Raimund Herinx
Birmingham Festival Te Deum conducted by Christopher Robinson
Choral Symphony conducted by Hugo Rignold

Nov 26 **Rossini: Petite Messe Solennelle**
Janet Price Janet Edmunds Kenneth Bowen Neil Howlett
Orchestral version

Dec 24 **Berlioz: Thou Must Leave Thy Lowly Dwelling**
Bach: Come and Thank Him (Christmas Oratorio)
Handel: Glory to God and Worthy is the Lamb (Messiah)
ATV (Midlands) broadcast previously recorded in The Church of St Phillip
and St James, Hodge Hill

1969

- Apr 4** **Bach: St Matthew Passion**
Sheila Armstrong Marjorie Thomas Ian Partridge Gerald English Thomas Hemsley
Michael Rippon Midland Boy Singers
CBSO concert with Birmingham Choral Union
- Apr 4** **Bach: Excerpts from St John and St Matthew Passions**
Doreen Price Valerie Bauland Paul Taylor David Thomas
*ATV (Midlands) broadcast previously recorded in The Church of St Phillip
and St James, Hodge Hill*
- May 13** **Beethoven: Missa Solemnis**
April Cantelo Jean Alister John Mitchinson Bryan Drake
- Nov 25** **Berlioz: Te Deum**
Walton: Belshazzar's Feast
Kenneth Bowen John Dethick Choir from Blue Coat School

1970

- Mar 27** **Bach: St Matthew Passion**
Angela Beale Helen Watts Ian Partridge Peter Bamber John Shirley-Quirk
John Carol Case Midland Boy Singers
CBSO concert with Birmingham Choral Union
Conducted by Harold Gray
- May 19** **Verdi: Requiem**
Rae Woodland Barbara Robotham John Mitchinson Roger Stalman
- Sept 26 & 29** **Holst: The Planets**
Oct 1 & 2 *Performed in Harrogate, Cheltenham, Birmingham and the Royal Festival Hall*
CBSO concerts conducted by Maurice Handford
- Nov 17** **Elgar: The Kingdom**
April Cantelo Barbara Robotham John Mitchinson John Barrow
- Dec 12** **Bach: Christmas Oratorio**
Sally le Sage Pamela Bowden Ian Partridge John Barrow
St Leonard's Church, Bridgnorth

1971

- Apr 9** **Bach: St Matthew Passion**
Sally le Sage Meriel Dickinson Ian Partridge Maurice Bevan Wynford Evans
Michael Rippon Midland Boy Singers
CBSO concert with Birmingham Choral Union

- May 25** **Britten: Spring Symphony**
Delius: The Walk to the Paradise Garden
Delius: Sea Drift
Jennifer Vyvyan Marjorie Thomas Gerald English John Carol Case
Boys' Choir from King's School, Worcester
- Sept 21** **Mendelssohn: Elijah**
Janet Price Alfreda Hodgson Duncan Robertson Raimund Herincx
Opening concert of the Birmingham Triennial Festival
Conducted by Louis Frémaux BBC broadcast
- Sept 30** **Joubert: The Raising of Lazarus**
Janet Baker Ronald Dowd
First performance CBSO concert conducted by Maurice Handford
- Nov 14** **Festival of Remembrance**
Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Kenneth Page
- Nov 16** **Beethoven: Overture Leonora No 3**
Brahms: Alto Rhapsody
Mozart: Exultate Jubilate
Haydn: Harmoniemesse
Sheila Armstrong Sybil Michelow Philip Langridge Christopher Keyte
Golden Jubilee Year Concert

1972

- Mar 31** **Bach: St Matthew Passion**
Janet Price Marjorie Thomas Peter Bamber Kenneth Woollam Roger Stalman
Michael Rippon Midland Boy Singers
CBSO concert with Birmingham Choral Union
Conducted by Harold Gray
- Apr 25** **Vaughan Williams: Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis**
Tippett: A Child of Our Time
Janet Price Alfreda Hodgson Gerald English John Noble
Birmingham University Great Hall
- Nov 18** **Vaughan Williams: Overture: The Wasps**
Flos Campi
Toward the Unknown Region
Five Tudor Portraits
Monica Sinclair Brian Rayner Cook John Brearley (Viola)
Vaughan Williams Centenary Concert

1975

- Mar 28** **Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius**
Helen Watts Keith Erwen Roger Stalman
CBSO Good Friday concert
- May 17** **Monteverdi: Vespers of 1610**
Angela Beale Christina Clarke Charles Brett David Johnston Wynford Evans
Ian Caddy Glyn Davenport Choristers of Birmingham Cathedral
- Nov 29** **Brahms: Song of Destiny**
 A German Requiem
Wendy Eathorne Brian Rayner Cook

1976

- Apr 16** **Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius**
Anne Collins Anthony Rolfe Johnson John Tomlinson
CBSO Good Friday concert
- May 15** **Borodin: Prince Igor - Overture and Polovtsian Dances**
Orff: Carmina Burana
Janet Price Gerald English John Noble
Polovtsian Dances sung in Russian
- Nov 20** **Britten: War Requiem**
Ann-Marie Connors David Johnston Christopher Keyte
Choristers of Birmingham Cathedral

1977

- Apr 8** **Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius**
Barbara Robotham Kenneth Bowen Rodney Macann
*CBSO Good Friday concert conducted by Vernon Handley standing in for
Christopher Robinson who was indisposed*
- May 14** **Richard Rodney Bennett: Spells**
Fauré: Requiem
Jane Manning Brian Rayner Cook
*Second performance of Spells, which was commissioned
for the Three Choirs Festival*
- Nov 15** **Holst: The Hymn of Jesus**
Vaughan Williams: A Sea Symphony
Jennifer Smith Brian Rayner Cook

1978

- Mar 24** **Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius**
Sarah Walker Philip Langridge Michael Rippon
CBSO Good Friday concert
- May 20** **Handel: Zadok the Priest**
Mathias: This Worlde's Joie
Walton: Belshazzar's Feast
Janet Price Kenneth Bowen Michael Rippon Combined Junior Choirs of King Edward's
School and King Edward VI High School, Birmingham
First Birmingham performance of This Worlde's Joie
William Mathias present
- Jun 17** **Rossini: Petite Messe Solennelle**
Anne McGivern Mary Hodges Gareth Roberts Mark Rowlinson
David Sadler (Piano) Beryl Sill (Piano) David Hill (Organ)
St Peter's Church Sudbury Sudbury Festival
- Nov 18** **Haydn: The Creation**
Elizabeth Gale Martyn Hill Raimund Herinx David Sadler (Harpichord)

1979

- Jan 27** **Haydn: The Creation**
Julie Kennard Alastair Thompson Michael George
Bridgnorth Leisure Centre Orchestra da Camera
- May 19** **Copland: In the Beginning**
Bernstein: Chichester Psalms
Bloch: Sacred Service
Elizabeth Stokes Nicolas King (Treble) Brian Rayner Cook Soloists from the Choir
- Jun 23** **Copland: In the Beginning**
Rossini: Petite Messe Solennelle
Anne McGivern Sarah Walker Stuart Kale Mark Rowlinson David Sadler (Piano)
Harry Bicket (Piano) John Porter (Organ)
St George's Chapel Windsor Castle
- Nov 24** **Tippett: A Child of Our Time**
Felicity Lott Sarah Walker Kenneth Bowen David Wilson-Johnson
Sir Michael Tippett 75th Birthday Concert

1980

- Mar 29** **Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius**
Sarah Walker Richard Lewis Brian Rayner Cook
CBSO Good Friday concert

- May 17** **Verdi: Requiem**
Lorna Haywood Anne Collins John Mitchinson David Wilson-Johnson
- May 31** **Verdi: Requiem**
Linda Esther Gray Livia Budai David Rendall Gwynne Howell
*Royal Albert Hall Part of the Choir with London Choral Society
Philharmonia Orchestra conducted by Simon Rattle*
- Jun 12** **Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius**
Janet Baker Kenneth Bowen Michael Rippon
*Royal Albert Hall Part of the Choir with CBSO Chorus
CBSO conducted by Norman del Mar
In aid of the Elgar Birthplace Development Appeal*
- Jun 21** **Bach: Jesu Meine Freude**
Kodály: Missa Brevis
Organ works by Bach and Franck
Beryl Beech Judith Ormston Margaret Ashmore Gillian Cole Robert Tibbott
Michael Robinson John Pryer (Organ)
Charity concert in Ledbury Parish Church
- Nov 22** **Beethoven: Missa Solemnis**
Eiddwen Harry Helen Watts Kenneth Bowen Neil Howlett

1981

- Mar 28** **Elgar: Dream of Gerontius**
Alfreda Hodgson Anthony Rolfe Johnson David Thomas
*Diamond Jubilee Concert
Followed by a Civic Reception given by the Lord Mayor in the Council House*
- May 16** **Messiaen: La Transfiguration de Notre-Seigneur Jésus-Christ**
Peter Hall Jeremy Cox Peter Donohoe (Piano) Michal Kaznowski (Cello)
Margaret Campbell (Flute) Colin Parr (Clarinet) Margaret Cotton (Marimba)
James Strebing (Vibraphone) James Jones (Xylorimba)
*Third performance in England
Recorded by the BBC for later broadcast*
- Nov 28** **Haydn: Nelson Mass**
Dankworth: Grace Abounding
Dankworth: The Diamond and the Goose
Wendy Eathorne Mary King Neil Mackie David Wilson-Johnson
*The Diamond and the Goose commissioned by the Choir to celebrate the
Diamond Jubilee
John Dankworth present*

1982

- Jan 10** **National Anthem**
50 singers prior to the Final of the World Championship Men's Tennis Doubles Tournament at the National Exhibition Centre
David Sadler conducted
- Feb 21** **U.S. and British National Anthems**
Part of the Choir prior to an eliminating bout for the World Middleweight Boxing Championship at the National Exhibition centre
David Sadler conducted from the boxing ring
- Apr 29** **Beethoven: Choral Symphony**
Alison Hargan Mary King Keith Lewis Norman Bailey
Jointly with CBSO Chorus who also performed Joubert's Gong-Tormented Sea
CBSO concert conducted by Erich Schmid
Recorded by the BBC for later broadcast
Some members also went to Bristol on May 7 for a repeat performance
- May 22** **Mendelssohn: Elijah**
Janet Price Margaret Cable Adrian Thompson Norman Bailey
- Jun 26** **Elgar: Great is the Lord**
Mozart: Fantasia in F Minor for Organ (K608)
Copland: In the Beginning
Durufle: Requiem
Mary King Jeremy Cox Harry Bicket (Organ)
Keble College Chapel, Oxford
- Nov 20** **Kodály: Psalmus Hungaricus**
Honegger: King David
Valery Hill Catherine Denley Kenneth Woollam Richard Baker (Narrator)
Kodály Centenary Concert

1983

- May 14** **Verdi: Four Sacred Pieces**
Howells: Hymnus Paradisi
Julie Kennard Kenneth Bowen
Recorded by the BBC for later broadcast
- Jul 2** **Verdi: Ave Maria and Laudi alla Vergine Maria (Four Sacred Pieces)**
Vaughan Williams: Mass in G Minor
Durufle: Requiem
Karen Woodhouse Melanie Marshall Charles Daniels Noel Mann
Stephen Cleobury (Organ)
President's concert at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, London
Christopher Robinson was President of the Royal College of Organists

Nov 19 **Britten: Cantata Academica**
Schubert: Symphony No 5
Dankworth: The Diamond and the Goose
Penelope Walmsley-Clarke Mary King Neil Mackie David Wilson-Johnson

1984

Mar 11, 18 & 25 **Mahler: Symphony No 8 (Symphony of a Thousand)**
Marie Hayward-Segal Rita Cullis Maureen Guy Catherine Wyn-Rogers
John Mitchinson Nicholas Folwell John King
*Performed at Birmingham University Great Hall, Royal Albert Hall and
Coventry Cathedral with St Michael's Singers, Atherstone Choral Society,
Choristers of Coventry and Bristol Cathedrals and Midland Boy Singers
Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra concert conducted by Kenneth Page to
celebrate 25 years conducting the orchestra*

May 12 **Mozart: Requiem**
Britten: Spring Symphony
Elizabeth Gale Mary King Martyn Hill Mark Wildman
Boys from St George's School, Windsor Castle
Christopher Robinson's 20th Anniversary as Conductor

Nov 17 **Delius: A Mass of Life**
Penelope Walmsley-Clarke Catherine Wyn-Rogers Kenneth Bowen Michael George

1985

Mar 30 **Bach: St Matthew Passion**
Lynda Russell Margaret Cable Andrew King Martyn Hill Brian Rayner Cook
Christopher Keyte Choirs from King Edward's School and King Edward VI High School
for Girls
Bach Tercentenary Concert

May 18 **Handel: Judas Maccabaeus**
Lynda Russell Beryl Beech Charles Brett Neil Jenkins Brindley Sherratt
Handel Tercentenary Concert

Nov 16 **Verdi: Requiem**
Julie Kennard Felicity Palmer John Mitchinson Ian Caddy

1986

May 17 **Lennox Berkeley: Magnificat**
Mozart: Clarinet Concerto
Walton: Belshazzar's Feast
Neil Howlett Colin Parr (Clarinet)
*First Birmingham performance of Magnificat
Sir Lennox Berkeley present*

- Jul 6** **Britten: Cantata Academica**
 Gwyneth Thomas Susan Pearce Deryck Webb Robert Turner
Haydn: Te Deum in C Major
Lambert: The Rio Grande
 Jo Dwyer Philip Martin (Piano)
Birmingham School of Music Centenary Concert
By invitation with the Choir and Orchestra of the Birmingham School of Music
conducted by Christopher Robinson Adrian Boult Hall
- Sep 17 24 & 25** **Beethoven: Choral Symphony**
 Alison Hargan Louise Winter David Johnston Willard White
CBSO concerts conducted by Simon Rattle
Sep 24 at Derngate, Northampton Sep 17 & 25 in Birmingham
- Nov 1 6 12 & 14** **Shostakovich: Symphony No 13 (Babi Yar)**
 Nikita Storoyev
Men of the City Choir with men of the CBSO Chorus
CBSO concerts conducted by Okko Kamu
Nov 1 in Bradford Nov 14 in Royal Festival Hall, London
Nov 6 & 12 in Birmingham BBC broadcast on Nov 6
Commercial recording made on Jan 9 & 10 1987
- Nov 22** **Poulenc: Gloria**
Poulenc (arr Lennox Berkeley): Flute Sonata
Michael Berkeley: Or Shall We Die?
 Tracey Chadwell Janet Price Peter Knapp Margaret Campbell (Flute)
First Birmingham performance of Or Shall We Die?
Michael Berkeley present
- Dec 11 & 18** **Carol Singing at Marks and Spencers**
Small groups from the Choir singing by invitation
Colin Baines conducted

1987

- May 9** **Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius**
 Penelope Walker Maldwyn Davies Matthew Best
- May 21** **Gala Concert**
Presented by the School of Music in Adrian Boult Hall
Augmented by Choir members
- Jul 11** **Britten: War Requiem**
 Elizabeth Harwood Keith Lewis David Wilson-Johnson
By invitation in Coventry Cathedral with St Michael's Singers and Coventry
Cathedral Choristers
Royal Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Paul Wright
25th Anniversary of the first performance

Oct 17 **Rossini: Petite Messe Solennelle**
Lesley Garrett Maureen Guy John Mitchinson Niklaus Tuller
Neil Kelley (Piano) David Sadler (Piano) John Pryer (Harmonium)
Adrian Boult Hall
A tape recording of this concert was produced

Nov 14 **Britten: War Requiem**
Heather Harper Martyn Hill Neil Howlett Thomas Trotter (Chamber organ)
Choristers of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle

1988

Jan 27 & 28 **Brahms: A German Requiem (sixth movement)**
César Franck: Les Béatitudes (No 1)
Mendelssohn: Christus (Passion Sequence)
Tchaikovsky: Legend
Richard Morton David Wilson-Johnson
BBC Welsh Orchestra conducted by Owain Arwel Hughes
Recorded in Tewkesbury Abbey for BBCI television to be broadcast
in Holy Week

May 14 **Beethoven: Missa Solemnis**
Penelope Walmsley-Clarke Catherine Wyn-Rogers Justin Lavender Ian Caddy

Nov 19 **Verdi: Requiem**
Judith Howarth Felicity Palmer Kenneth Woolam Ian Caddy

1989

May 11 & 13 **Tippett: The Mask of Time**
Faye Robinson Sarah Walker Robert Tear David Wilson-Johnson
Choir of St George's Chapel Windsor Castle
May 11 CBSO concert May 13 Choir concert
Sir Michael Tippett present at both performances
Christopher Robinson's 25th Anniversary Concert
Recorded by the BBC on May 11 for later broadcast

Nov 18 **Bach: Magnificat in D**
Mozart: Requiem
Tracey Chadwell Carolyn Pride Catherine Denley Adrian Thompson Michael George

1990

May 12 **Parry: Blest Pair of Sirens**
Vaughan Williams: The Lark Ascending,
A Sea Symphony
Judith Howarth Stephen Roberts Peter Thomas (Violin)

June 23

Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius

Sarah Walker Maldwyn Davies Matthew Best

Newman Centenary Concert promoted by the Birmingham Oratory

Nov 10

Stravinsky: Symphony of Psalms

Brahms: A German Requiem

Eirian Davies Roderick Earle Thomas Trotter (Piano) Francis Grier (Piano)