



## Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter for the Southend Boys' and Girls' Choirs

The young singers in the Southend Choirs have already been busy this term, and in the summer of course were privileged to have been invited to perform in no less than **three BBC Proms concerts** at the Royal Albert Hall. The choirs received some excellent reviews in the national press, describing them as “awesome throughout” (The Guardian) and “exuberant” (Arts Desk).



SBC & SGC at the Sydney Opera House

Straight after the first prom, 40 singers flew out to **Australia for a 2-week concert tour** where they performed in Sydney, Adelaide, Perth and Hong Kong. This really was the tour of a lifetime for many of the singers. While these singers were on tour, more members of the choir were performing at the Royal Albert Hall in the BBC Ten Pieces Proms concerts.



BBC Proms 2018 – photo by Chris Christodolou

Last month the choirs performed in **Sandon Church and St Basil's Church for charity**, and some of the singers took part in an **Elton John Tribute concert**, “Rocketman” at the Cliffs Pavilion.

### Future Dates

On **27<sup>th</sup> October** the Southend Boys' Choir will be performing **Carmina Burana at the Royal Albert Hall** with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and adult choirs.

On **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November** the choirs will join with 4 adult choruses and the Southend Symphony Orchestra in a **Concert of Remembrance** to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War. The programme will include music by Elgar, John Williams, Holst, Rutter and much more. The concert starts at 4pm and will be a very moving occasion. Tickets can be purchased from the Cliffs Pavilion Box Office 01702 351135 or <https://southendtheatres.org.uk/Online/tickets-concert-for-remembrance-southend-2018>

Chorus Sirenum, the chamber choir formed of former Girls' Choir singers is going from strength to strength. Their next concert takes place on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 4pm**, at **St Lawrence Church, Eastwood**. Contact 07837 786796 for more information and tickets.



Carol singing in Southend

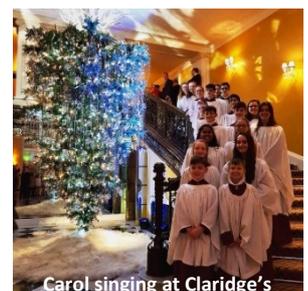
The choirs' **CHRISTMAS** dates are as varied as ever, ranging from carol singing for charities in shopping centres, and performing in the wonderful church of Great St Bartholomew's in London.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 8pm – St Augustine's Church, Thorpe Bay.** 'Ceremony of Carols' and other seasonal music. Tickets available on <https://southendchoirs1.bpt.me> - adults £8, children £1.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm – St Mary Woolnoth, London.** The Girls' Choir perform at the annual Langbourn Ward Carol Service.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm – St Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square.** The choirs perform in this beautiful church for a candlelit Christmas concert. Tickets directly from the church website.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 8pm – Kings Road UR Church, Westcliff.** The choirs' main Christmas concert “A Christmas Carol” will include seasonal music and readings. Tickets available on <https://southendchoirs3.bpt.me> - adults £8, children £1.



Carol singing at Claridge's

Every weekend from mid-November until Christmas, groups of singers will be entertaining diners in **London's Claridge's Hotel** in the tea rooms.

## Special London Christmas Concert

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm – St Bartholomew the Great Church, London

This is one of the oldest parish churches in London, founded in 1123, and has featured in many films, including Shakespeare in Love, Transformers: The Last Knight, Sherlock Homes, Elizabeth: the Golden Age, and many others. This is the first time the choirs have performed there, and we will be running an audience coach from Southend, allowing time for shopping in London before the concert.

For coach seats and concert tickets please contact 01702 465460 or buy online at <https://southendchoirs2.bpt.me>

Concert tickets only: £11 (£1 for under 16s)

Special price tickets for concert + coach: £18 (£11 for under 16s)



A new FREE singing group for ages 3 to 6 in Southend-on-Sea starts on 19 September

Fun singing and music making for all little ones and their carers

**Little Singers**

Wednesday 4:15-5:15pm  
St Peter's Church – Steel Suite  
Eastbourne Grove, Westcliff SS0 0QE

Registration is essential - please email [info@southendchoirs.org.uk](mailto:info@southendchoirs.org.uk)

Free to attend. Term time only.  
Singers must be accompanied by parents/carers.  
This project has been supported by The Ragdoll Foundation.

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The latest addition to the Southend Choirs' Family is

## Little Singers

Now our youngest singers, aged 3 – 6 with their parents or carers can join the Southend Choirs.

Funded by The Ragdoll Foundation, this new group will meet weekly to introduce some fun singing and music making to young families.

As you may know, we don't make any charge to the singers to be in the choir, as the choirs should always be open to anyone to join, and as a charity we also help to raise funds for other groups.

**You can support the choirs by joining the 100 Club.** For just £5 per quarter, you could win up to £100 in the monthly draws. For more information about the 100 Club please contact Heather Crisp on 01702 465460 or email [hgrisp@gmail.com](mailto:hgrisp@gmail.com)

**You can also help to raise funds through easyfundraising when you shop online.** This costs you nothing at all, so please have a look at this on our website [www.southendchoirs.org.uk](http://www.southendchoirs.org.uk) to help us raise funds for the choirs.



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