Wetherby Choral Society Programme History 1974-2026

Conductor and founder: Malcolm Spencer
Head of Music at Wetherby High School

Sept 1974	Rehearsals begin
March 1975	Handel – Messiah
Nov 1975	Can't help singing
July 1976	RVW – Sea Symphony
Jan 1977	Handel – Messiah
June 1977	A Night at the opera
Oct 1977	Faure – Requiem
May 1978	Haydn – Creation
Nov 1978	Prelude to Christmas (seasonal songs)

Conductor: Roy Rimmer

May 1978	Vivaldi – Gloria
	Mozart – Mass in D
Nov 1979	Rossini – Petite Messe Solenelle
April 1980	Charpentier – Te Deum
	Beethoven – Mass in C
Nov 1980	Handel – Messiah
Dec 1980	Carol Concert
May 1981	Haydn – Little Organ Mass
	Faure – Requiem
	Bernstein – Chichester Psalms

Conductor: Michael Johnson

Nov 1981	Haydn – Nelson Mass
	Bach – Sleepers Wake

Conductor: Roy Rimmer

March 1982	Parry – Blest Pair of Sirens
	Brahms – A German Requiem

Conductor: Michael Johnson

May 1982	Recital of English Music
	Parry – Blest Pair of Sirens
Nov 1982	Mendelssohn – Elijah
Dec 1982	Carol Concert
May 1983	Rossini – Petite Messe Solenelle

Conductor: Anthony Langford

Oct 1983	Haydn – Creation
Dec 1983	Carol Concert
Mar 1984	Handel – Dixit Dominus
	Handel – Chandos Anthem
May 1984	Elgar – From the Bavarian Highlands
	Brahms – Leibeslieder Waltzes
Nov 1884	Mendelssohn – Hymn of Praise
	Parry – Blest Pair of Sirens
Dec 1984	Handel – Messiah (Come and Sing)
March 1985	Bach – St John Passion
May 1985	Faure – Requiem
	Durufle – Four Motets
	Poulenc – Litanies of Rocamadour
Oct 1985	Mozart – Requiem
	Mozart – Solemn Vespers
Dec 1985	Handel – Messiah
March 1986	Stainer – Crucifixion
May 1986	Howells – Hymnus Paradisi
	RVW – Five Mystical Songs
Nov 1986	Haydn – St Nicholas Mass
	Britten – St Nicholas
April 1987	Bach – Mass in B minor
May 1987	Voices and Brass
Oct 1987	Elgar – Dream of Gerontius
Dec 1987	Carol Concert
March 1988	Handel – Messiah, parts 1 & 2
May 1988	Dvorak – Mass in D
	Handel – Zadok the Priest
	Handel – The King shall rejoice
Nov 1988	Brahms – Requiem
	Stanford – Songs of the fleet
Dec 1988	Carol Concert
March 1989	Durufle – Requiem
	RVW – Benedicite
June 1989	Vivaldi – Te Deum & Gloria
	Bach – Cantatas 79 and 192
Oct 1989	Mendelssohn – Elijah
Dec 1989	Handel – Messiah (Come and Sing)
March 1990	Bach – St Matthew Passion
June 1990	Music for Brass and Voices
Nov 1990	Purcell – Dido and Aeneas
	G & S – Trial by Jury
Dec 1990	Handel – Messiah
March 1991	Stainer – Crucifixion
	Faure – Requiem
May 1991	Holst – Two Psalms

	RVW – Dona Nobis Pacem
Nov 1991	Mendelssohn – St Paul
March 1992	Faure – Cantique de Jean Racine
	Poulenc – Litanies of Rocamadour
June 1992	Haydn – Nelson Mass
	Mozart – Solemn Vespers
Nov 1992	Rossini – Petite Messe Solenelle
	Verdi – Ave Maria
	Mascagni – Easter Hymn
June 1993	Haydn – Creation

Conductor: John Dunford

Nov 1993	Handel – Coronation anthems
	Handel – O praise the Lord with one consent
Dec 1993	Carol Concert
March 1994	Britten -Rejoice in the lamb
	Vivaldi – Magnificat
	Schubert – Mass in G
	Bernstein – Chichester Psalms
June 1994	Mozart – Requiem
	Mozart – Solemn Vespers
Dec 1994	Bach – Christmas Oratorio Pts 1, 2, 3 & 6
March 1995	Haydn – Mass in Time of War
	Rutter – Magnificat
May 1994	Handel – Judas Maccabeus
Oct 1995	Purcell – Come ye sons of art away
	Purcell – Te Deum and Jubilate
	Purcell – Hail Bright Cecilia
Dec 1995	Handel – Messiah
March 1996	***Leeds Town Hall with Ashville College***
	Orff – Carmina Burana
	Rutter – Magnificat
June 1996	A Treasury of English Church Music
Nov 1996	Steele – Sinfonia Sacra
	Brahms – Requiem
Dec 1996	Carol Concert
March 1997	Bach – Jesu meine freude
	Haydn – Stabat Mater
June 1997	Handel – Saul
Oct 1997	Handel – Messiah (Hospice)
Nov 1997	Rossini – Petite Messe Solenelle
	Brahms – Leibesleider Waltzes
Dec 1997	Handel – Messiah
March 1998	Bach – St John Passion
June 1998	Haydn – Nelson Mass
	Taylor – I have a dream
Nov 1998	Handel – Dixit Dominus

	RVW – Five Mystical Songs
	Bach – Cantata 51
Dec 1998	Handel – Messiah
March 1999	***Leeds Town Hall with Ashville College***
	Mozart – Requiem
	Carter – Benedicite
	Handel – Zadok the Priest
June 1999	Mozart – Mass in C minor
	Schubert – Mass in G
Oct 1999	Haydn – Creation
Dec 1999	Vivaldi – Gloria
	Britten – St Nicholas
March 2000	Faure – Requiem
	Faure – Cantique de Jean Racine
June 2000	Britten – Rejoice in the lamb
	Bernstein – Chichester Psalms
	Rutter – Magnificat
Oct 2000	Handel – Messiah (Hospice)
Nov 2000	Mendelssohn – Elijah
Dec 2000	Handel – Messiah
March 2001	Brahms – Song of Destiny
	Dvorak – Stabat Mater
July 2001	Gala Concert with Debra Morley
Nov 2001	Mozart – Solemn Vespers
	Haydn – Mass in Time of War
	Bach – Brandenburg Concerto No. 5
Dec 2001	Bach – Magnificat
	Puccini – Messe di Gloria
March 2002	***Leeds Town Hall with Ashville College***
	Verdi – Requiem
June 2002	Handel – Saul
Nov 2002	Pekhonen – Russian Requiem
Dec 2002	Handel – Messiah
March 2003	Faure – Requiem
	Faure – Cantique de Jean Racine
	Taylor – I have a dream
June 2003	Mozart – Coronation Mass
	Mozart – Exsultate Jubilate
	Handel – Coronation anthems
Oct 2003	Brahms – Requiem
	RVW – Five Mystical Songs
Dec 2003	Bach – Wachet Auf
	Haydn – Harmoniemesse
March 2004	***Leeds Town Hall with Ashville College***
	Orff – Carmina Burana
	Finzi – Intimations of Immortality
May 2004	Rossini – Petite Messe Solenelle
Nov 2004	Rutter – Requiem

	Mozart – Requiem
Dec 2004	Handel – Messiah
May 2005	Mendelssohn – Elijah
Nov 2005	Vivaldi – Gloria
	Bach – Kyrie & Gloria from Mass in B Minor
Dec 2005	Handel – Messiah
April 2006	Puccini – Messe di Gloria
	Mendelssohn – Hymn of Praise
June 2006	Haydn – Creation
Nov 2006	Willcocks – Lux Perpetua
	Jenkins – The Armed Man
Dec 2006	Handel – Messiah
March 2007	***Leeds Town Hall with Ashville College***
	Rutter – Feel the Spirit
	Puccini – Messe de Gloria
	Mozart – Clarinet Concerto
July 2007	Gala Concert with Debra Morley
Nov 2007	Durufle – Requiem
	Haydn – Maria Theresa Mass
Dec 2007	Handel – Messiah
April 2008	Handel – Judas Maccabeus
June 2008	Rossini – Petite Messe Solenelle
Nov 2008	Mozart – Mass in C minor
	Mozart – Solemn Vespers
Dec 2008	Handel – Messiah
April 2009	Bach – St John Passion
June 2009	Purcell – Hail Bright Cecilia
	Purcell – Come ye sons of art
Nov 2009	Handel – Israel in Egypt
Dec 2009	Handel – Messiah
Jan 2010	Handel – Messiah (Marie Curie)
March 2010	Mozart – Requiem
	Haydn – Harmoniemesse
June 2010	Rutter – Psalmfest & Anthems
	Schubert – Mass in G
	Stanford – Magnificat
Nov 2010	Steel – Sinfonia Sacra
	Brahms – Requiem
Dec 2010	Handel – Messiah
March 2011	Jenkins – The Armed Man
	Faure – Requiem
June 2011	Bach – Cantata 78
	Bach – Magnificat
	Haydn – Mass in Time of War
Nov 2011	RVW – Dona Nobis Pacem
	Rutter – Requiem
Dec 2011	Handel – Messiah
Jan 2012	Handel – Messiah (Marie Curie)

March 2012	***Leeds Town Hall with Ashville College***
	Verdi – Requiem
June 2012	Purcell – Didi and Aeneas
	Handel – Dixit Dominus
Nov 2012	***Ripon Cathedral with North Yorkshire Chorus***
	Elgar – Dream of Gerontius
Dec 2012	Handel Messiah (Dublin 1742)
March 2013	Handel – Saul
June 2013	Tippett – Five Spirituals
	Rutter – Feel the Spirit
	Taylor – I have a dream
Nov 2013	Carter – Musick's Jubilee
	RVW – Fantasia on Christmas Carols
	Britten – St Nicholas
Dec 2013	Handel – Messiah
March 2014	Bach – St Matthew Passion
June 2014	Mendelssohn – St Paul
Nov 2014	RVW – Sea Symphony
	Elgar – Sea Pictures
	Mendelssohn – Hebrides Overture
Dec 2014	Handel – Messiah
March 2015	Handel – Samson
June 2015	Vivaldi – Introduction and Gloria
	Bach – Cantata 11
	Haydn – Nelson Mass
Nov 2015	Mendelssohn – Elijah
Dec 2015	Handel – Messiah
March 2016	Maunder – Olivet to Calvary
May 2016	***Ripon Cathedral with North Yorkshire Chorus***
	Verdi – Requiem **(cond. Greg Smith)**
July 2016	Rossini – Petite Messe Solenelle
Nov 2016	Lee – Sacrifices
	Mozart – Mass in C Minor
Dec 2016	Handel – Messiah
April 2017	Monteverdi – Vespers
July 2017	Bernstein – Chichester Psalms
	Britten – Rejoice in the Lamb
	RVW – Five Mystical Songs
	Vivaldi – Gloria
Nov 2017	CPE Bach – Magnificat
	Vivaldi – Dixit Dominus
	Handel – Zadok the Priest
Dec 2017	Handel – Messiah
March 2018	Handel – Israel in Egypt
June 2018	Mozart – Requiem
	Mozart – Solemn Vespers
	Mozart – Exsultate Jubilate
Nov 2018	Jenkins – The Armed Man

	Goodall – Eternal Light
Dec 2018	Handel – Messiah
April 2019	Bach – St John Passion
June 2019	Haydn – Creation
Nov 2019	Handel – Judas Maccabeus
Dec 2019	Handel – Messiah
Mar 2019	***Choir activities paused for Covid 19 Pandemic***
Sept 2020	***Choir activities resume***
Nov 2021	Haydn – Nelson Mass
	Rutter – Feel the Spirit
Dec 2021	Handel – Messiah
March 2022	Handel – Coronation Anthems
	Mozart – Coronation Mass
June 2022	Puccini – Messe de Gloria
	Rutter – Magnificat
Dec 2022	Bach – Christmas Oratorio Pts 1, 2, 3 & 6
April 2023	Handel – Solomon
June 2023	Anthems and Brass
Nov 2023	Jenkins – The Armed Man
	Carr – Seven last words from the cross
Dec 2023	Handel – Messiah and carols **(cond. Dave Grealy)**
March 2024	**50th Anniversary Concert**
	RVW – Sea Symphony
	Elgar – Sea Pictures
	Mendelssohn – Hebrides Overture
June 2024	Handel – Dettingen Te Deum
	Bach – Cantata 51: Jauchzet Gott
	Vivaldi – Introduction and Gloria
Nov 2024	Handel – Saul
Dec 2024	Handel – Messiah
March 2025	Dvorak – Stabat Mater
June 2025	Mendelssohn – Elijah (with Ripon Choral Society at Ripon Cathedral)

Conductor: Charlie Murray

Nov 2025	Haydn – The Creation
Dec 2025	Handel – Messiah
March 2026	Oliver Tarny – Magnificat
	CPE Bach – Magnificat
June 2026	Berlioz – Petite Messe Solonnelle