

South West Chamber Choir

Exciting New Conductor NEEDS YOU!!

Mark Bennett, conductor, singing teacher and multi-instrumentalist, will be taking up the baton with the South West Chamber Choir in January 2026. He is looking for new singers to join this exciting, ambitious yet very friendly choir.

“Some singers join us from choral backgrounds and have really secure sightreading skills, but we also welcome singers with good voices who learn more by memorising, and we provide rehearsal tracks to work with at home so it’s not too difficult.”

Mark’s priority is to recruit a new wave of good voices, and grow the choir from around 20 to around 32. Rehearsals start in January.

The choir rehearses in Plymouth and draws its loyal members from across Devon and Cornwall, with up to an 80 minute commute for some! If you are at all interested, please contact Mark on markbennett.swcc@gmail.com for a chat. The first concert with Mark will be on Sunday 26th April in Tavistock.

As Mark adds, “I’m always excited to hear from a singer who wants to grow and who wants to be part of a team that’s growing too. Chance your arm, get in touch, come and sit in on a rehearsal. We’d love to hear from you”.

The Choir rehearses in the chapel at the University College of St Mark and St John (Marjon), Plymouth, on Wednesday evenings.

SWCC NEXT CONCERT :

The conductor for its **30th anniversary this year**, and has been for the last 17 years, is **Stephen Trahair**, whose leadership ensured a varied and interesting repertoire, and championed South-West-based contemporary composers, including his own compositions.

Come to his farewell concert as conductor, at **Stoke Damerel Church, Plymouth on Saturday 6th of December at 3pm**: a programme of uplifting and inspiring Christmas music called *A Child Was Born*.

If it’s a Christmas feel you’re after, **the choir will also be singing at Buckland Abbey National Trust property on Sunday 14th of December.**

See us at

www.swcchoir.org.uk

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