

STOUR CHORAL SOCIETY, MANNINGTREE, ESSEX

VACANCY FOR MUSICAL DIRECTOR for January 2019

About us

- We are a non-auditioning SATB choir, formed in 1971, of about 50 adult members with an accompanist and a vocal coach.
- We perform concerts in December and April, held in local churches. Recently we have joined with local schools for a concert in June.
- We perform major sacred choral works as well as other great music from the choral repertoire. We have also recently included popular opera choruses, modern songs and arrangements.
- We rehearse on Monday evenings 7.30-9.30 in term time in the local Methodist church hall.
- We have an elected committee which supports the Musical Director in the day to day running of the choir and in organising events.
- We have a long-standing link with a choir in our partner town in Germany with exchange visits and joint performances.

SCS is registered with the Charity Commission. Our stated objectives are that we shall “within the community, promote, develop, improve and maintain public education in and appreciation of the art and science of choral music in all its aspects by the presentation of public choral concerts and any other activities as The Society shall determine from time to time”. We are a member of Making Music.

We now seek to appoint a new Musical Director from Jan 2019 to replace our current Musical Director who, after directing us for 16 years, is leaving in order that he can pursue other musical activities.

Our expectations of a Musical Director

- Experience of conducting SATB choirs, soloists and instrumentalists.
- Wide knowledge of and interest in classical and contemporary choral music.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability and enthusiasm to motivate and to promote the development of a long-established group of singers.
- Able to design imaginative and engaging concert programmes with broad audience appeal and to assist the society in achieving its objectives.

Remuneration and terms of contract to be agreed with the successful candidate.

For more information about us and our aspirations for this post and for the future of the Society look on our website www.stourchoralsociety.co.uk or email secretary@stourchoralsociety.co.uk.

Please send your CV and a supporting statement to secretary@stourchoralsociety.co.uk by **15 August 2018**. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for audition and interview which will take place in Manningtree.