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**President – Linda Marshall Cole**  
**Musical Director – Edward Goater**  
**Chair – Stuart Wynne**  
**Accompanist – Alison Pink**

## Information for Members

### Our Goals

Taunton Choral Society's aim is to provide audiences in Taunton and its environs with access to high quality choral music which is both local and affordable. We usually perform three concerts a year, offering a mixture of sacred and secular works in a range of musical styles and periods

We also aim to give both members and local professional musicians the opportunity to sing, play and perform quality music to a high standard in a welcoming, friendly and enjoyable environment

We are committed to working collaboratively with and supporting other musical and charitable organisations in the Taunton area

The Society welcomes everyone who loves to sing. Some experience of reading music and singing in parts would be helpful, but a variety of learning aids are available if needed. New members are expected to meet with the Musical Director to agree their voice type and discuss any support they might need.

### Membership Commitment

As a member we ask you to:

- Pay your annual subscription in full and on time
- Ensure that you keep us up to date with your contact details
- Attend rehearsals regularly and take part in as many performances as possible
- Take responsibility for learning your music
- Support the Society by selling tickets (minimum of 2 per concert), helping with publicity and fundraising and playing a part in the many jobs that contribute to the smooth running of the Society
- Share the benefit of your skills by volunteering to join the TCS committee should the opportunity arise and attending the AGM in the autumn term

### Subscriptions

The annual subscription starts at £100 (£10 for students), and is due at the beginning of September. This includes the cost of music hire. If this would be a problem for you, please contact our Treasurer in confidence. We always do our best to help. Many members augment their annual subscription amount. Even a small amount can make a real difference to the Society, and is very gratefully received.

Payment can be made by cheque to Taunton Choral Society or by bank transfer (see our Treasurer for details). If you are a UK taxpayer, a Giftaid declaration will enable the Society to claim back £25 from HMRC on your behalf. If you are able to donate any additional amount to the Society, this would be most welcome.

**Rehearsals**

These are held on Tuesdays at Temple Methodist Hall from 7.30 - 9.30pm with a break in the middle for tea and cake etc!. There is plenty of street parking and car parks nearby. Please remember to complete the attendance register when you arrive and inform us about planned absences. A final rehearsal with orchestra and soloists is held on the afternoon of the concert at the venue.

**Concerts**

Our season begins in September and we aim to perform three concerts a year (autumn, spring and summer) plus a short carol concert in a variety of venues.

**Concert Dress Code**

You will need to provide your own. Formal dress as described below is the norm, although we do occasionally vary this depending on the concert.

Men - black dinner jacket, white shirt and black bow tie

Women - full length black dress or skirt/ trousers and black top with a full or three quarter length sleeve

**Communication**

Our main method of communication with members is via email or occasionally by phone, so please be prepared to share this information with us. If you are donating Giftaid, HMRC will also want your address and signed agreement. Please be assured that we will not share these details with any other organisation.

Our website is [www.tauntonchoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.tauntonchoralsociety.org.uk). The Member's page provides rehearsal schedules, information regarding music learning aids, news and upcoming events.

**Management of the Society**

You can find the Constitution of the Society on our website. Please see below the names and contact details of our Committee Members. If you have any questions, suggestions or complaints all members will be happy to hear from you.

The Committee

Chair	Stuart Wynne	<a href="mailto:stuart.wynne@wellingtonmc.nhs.uk">stuart.wynne@wellingtonmc.nhs.uk</a>
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**Voice Representatives**

Each vocal part has its own Voice Representative who will pass on any messages to the relevant committee member on your behalf.

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