



# Teddington Choral Society

Founded 1951

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### New home for Teddington choir after 57 years

After 57 years of rehearsing at the same location, Teddington Choral Society has moved to a new home.

TCS, which is run as an evening class by Richmond Adult Community College, had held its rehearsals on Monday evenings at Waldegrave Girls School since 1951. But this autumn it started rehearsing in the United Reformed Church on Twickenham Green.

“We may have moved a little closer to the west side of Twickenham, but we are still very much a Teddington choir,” said TCS chairman Barry Buttenshaw. “We put on three concerts every year in Teddington and Hampton Hill. The next is our *Festival for Christmas* at Teddington Parish Church on December 13th.”

Musical director Geoffrey Bowyer is delighted with the new venue. “At first we were a bit worried about moving to a smaller space at a time when choir numbers are growing. But the acoustics are superb and we also have good storage space for our sheet music,” Mr Bowyer said.

Choir numbers are up by over 20% this year to 90 members. However, new singers are always welcome and Mr Bowyer shares a common concern with other choral conductors: “I am keen to bring in more male voices. We have a good number of altos and sopranos, but we could do with more tenors and basses.”

- Teddington Choral Society’s *Festival for Christmas* will be held on Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in St Mary with St Alban Church, Teddington. The concert will include music by Monteverdi, Mendelssohn and Charpentier, as well as traditional carols for audience participation.

#### About Teddington Choral Society

TCS rehearses on Mondays from 7.45-9.45pm at the United Reformed Church, First Cross Road, Twickenham. New members welcome - please contact Geoffrey Bowyer on the telephone number below.

For more information, please call Geoffrey Bowyer on 020 8894 3773 or visit our website at [www.teddingtonchoral.co.uk](http://www.teddingtonchoral.co.uk).