

Cappella Nova Outreach Newsletter, Summer 2026

Summer may not be quite as we would like on the weather front but we can promise you some sunny singing intervals: we have been updating the [Cappella Nova Outreach Web Pages](#) with various group-singing opportunities on offer during the coming weeks and months, and have pleasure in sharing them with you here...

Cappella Nova Outreach in association with Alzheimer Scotland...

If you are reading this today, there is a meeting of our monthly *We Sing Together Café* this afternoon, **Friday 19 June, 1.30pm for 2.00-**



3.00pm! A warm welcome is always extended to participants from our various group-singing activities and their friends who would like to support and join in with these fun singalong sessions, led by the cheery partnership of Bill & Hilary Jones. These take place at Alzheimer Scotland's Resource Centre at 81-91 Oxford Street Glasgow G5 9EP, which is handy for buses and Bridge Street Station Subway, and a 10-minute walk across the Clyde from Glasgow Central Station.

The Sessions generally take place on the third Friday of each month, and we have arranged [further dates](#) up until Christmas. We are happy to add anyone to the specific circulation list to receive a reminder a few days before each Session

– so if you would like to receive these, simply indicate that on the [Contact Form](#).

Cappella Nova Outreach in association with the University of Strathclyde Centre for Lifelong Learning...

Improvers Vocal Technique Course – a new opportunity! led by Carole Irvine, [bookings open](#).

Would you like to develop your knowledge of vocal technique and take it to the next level? Whether you sing as a soloist, in a small group or a large choir, this intensive five-day Course will give you a greater understanding of your voice and how it works. During the week, you will find the areas you can improve on as an individual and learn the tools to

help you to reach your potential. Explore your voice in a variety of genres and develop performance skills, tackling common concerns like confidence and stage fright! Some previous experience of singing/performing and a willingness to sing in front of other participants would be preferable. Carole is offering this Short Course twice, at each end of the School Holidays:-

- daily Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July, 10.30am-12.30pm (only a few places available);
- daily Monday 10 to Friday 14 August, 10.30am-12.30pm (more places available)

The Summer Morning Choir

led by Alan Tavener, [bookings open](#).

Is your regular choir taking a Summer break? You'll enjoy its return even more if you keep up your singing in a relaxing and enjoyable way! We offer a mixed-voice (female and male) choir meeting on six Tuesdays in July and August. This is an "open access" group: there are no auditions. Although participants who have previously sung in a group will derive the greatest benefit, practical guidance will be offered on preparing the voice for singing and help making some sense of music notation, supported by the provision of sound files. Come and enjoy a diverse programme of accessible harmony songs covering a wide range of styles: classical and world, folk and modern:-

- Tuesdays, 7 July April to 25 August (except 4 & 11 August), 10.30am-12.30pm.

Cappella Nova Outreach at St Bride's...

During the Summer 'break' things don't go quiet at [St Bride's Church](#) in Glasgow's West End, and there will be two more opportunities to join in with [Come and Sing Evening Prayer!](#) These will take place **Sundays 19 July and 16 August**, and we shall gather at 2.45pm when I shall lead a short rehearsal of the psalm/Magnificat chants and Marian Antiphon. Each Service will take place from 3.30-4.15pm, and all will be made most welcome, so if you would like to participate, simply email us at info@cappella-nova.com, and we can then ensure that we have sufficient copies of the tunes/words to hand. You don't have to be a believer – just come for the music!



Our popular monthly series of *Sing for your Life!* will resume on **Thursday 3 September** (doors open at **2.00pm** for a **2.15pm start**), and we have arranged [further dates](#) up until Christmas. Led by Rebecca Tavener and me, every session features an hour of fun singing together with positivity, healthy singing tips, and a jolly good laugh. It isn't a

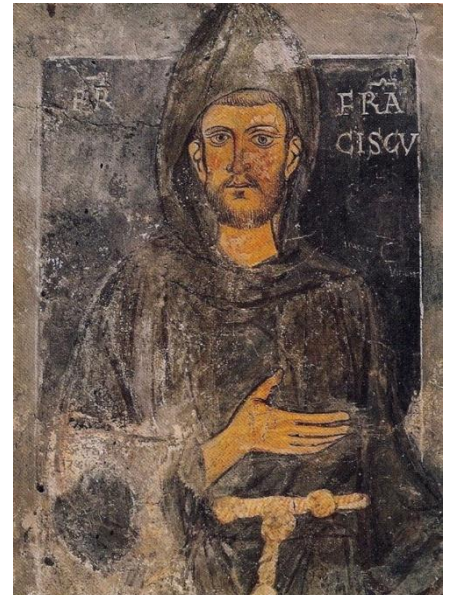
choir and it's not a rehearsal – ANYONE can take part! There is no admission charge, and refreshments are served at the end. We are happy to add anyone to the specific circulation list to receive a reminder a few days before each Session – so if you would like to receive these, simply indicate that on the [Contact Form](#).

Come and Sing Medieval Pilgrim Songs



We would like to hear from anyone interested in taking part in this Singing Workshop on **Saturday 19 September, 1.00-3.00pm** – an opportunity for all to participate in the St Francis of Assisi 800 celebration which is being presented as part of *Doors Open Days* at St Bride's Church. All are welcome to take part in the relaxed, informal workshop, when I will guide you through some medieval music associated with pilgrimage and Scottish saints, as well as offering singing tips along the way...

You will then have the option to take part in this short, informal performance with the Schola Cantorum of St Bride that follows later on in the church (at 4.00pm)...



Ad mortem festinamus!

*We're all heading one way – so why not make it
a pilgrimage?*

Medieval songs of pilgrimage: from the Llibre Vermell and Camino di Santa Maria di Compostella; the Cantigas di Santa Maria from the melting-pot court of Alfonso X 'El Sabio'; the Laudesi praise bands of Florence; and the sacred sites of Scotland and Ireland.

The Schola Cantorum of St Bride

Gilleen McDougall (reader)

Director: Rebecca Tavener

Community Choir led by Alan Tavener (chamber organ)

Free (donations welcome!)

All will be made most welcome, so if you would like to participate, simply email us at info@cappella-nova.com, and we can then ensure that we have sufficient copies of the tunes/words to hand.

***Cappella Nova Outreach in association with the
University of Strathclyde Centre for Lifelong Learning,
looking forward to the Autumn...***

Here are some dates further on in the year for your diary:-

- Monday 17 August, Cappella Nova Outreach in association with the [University of Strathclyde Centre for Lifelong Learning](#) Autumn Term bookings open;
- Monday 6 October, Cappella Nova Outreach in association with the [University of Strathclyde Centre for Lifelong Learning](#) Autumn Term begins, featuring *Showtime! Act 2 - Musical Theatre Performance Workshop* (Monday mornings), *The Morning Choir* (Tuesday mornings) and *Singing for Health and Wellbeing* (previously *Health and Wellbeing through Song*) (Thursday mornings).

More details to follow in the next Cappella Nova Outreach Newsletter!

With every good wish for a musical and healthy Summer.

Alan Tavener

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