

Tyndale Choral Society

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Always wanted to
sing the classics,
but couldn't read
the music?

Try our...

Absolute

Beginners

Class of 2010

Learn to sight-sing music from scratch and
find your voice with tutor Christopher Swain

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Registered charity number 284840

What is the Absolute Beginners' Class ?

Tyndale Choral Society (TCS) first ran an ABC in 2008 which proved very successful, enabling 24 graduates to start singing choral works. In 2010, Tyndale's 50th anniversary year, we are offering would-be singers another opportunity to sign up to sing!

Many would dearly love to perform the great choral works, but find the sight-singing (reading the score and singing what they read) an obstacle. Equally, they may not have confidence in their vocal technique. TCS is therefore offering you **the key to a lifetime of singing**.

The **ABC** is a choral apprenticeship programme for adults who are **absolute beginners** (although rusty returners are also welcome), and for **all voices from soprano to bass**. We hope that having a gentleman tutor will particularly encourage any budding tenors and basses to come forward – don't be shy!

The ABC 2010 is a **10 week course**, on Mondays from 11 January to 15 March, 7.30 - 9.30pm in the Dursley Methodist Church.

Christopher Swain will introduce the basics of musical notation and coach you using practical fun exercises, so that you will soon be able to turn the 'dots on the page' into real music. There will be refreshments in your coffee break, to give you a chance to get to know your fellow classmates and some of the TCS members who will come along to support you.

On successful completion of the course (if you have done your homework!) you should then have the *basic* tools to enable you to find an outlet for your singing, whether it be with a choral society, harmony group, male voice choir, gospel group... You won't know everything there is to know, but you will develop your skills as you continue with your singing. It takes time and work!

Tyndale CS has a number of available membership slots, and has close links with Thornbury, Cirencester, Wycliffe, Yate, and Stroud Choral Societies, and introductions can be arranged (although we cannot make any guarantees).

The ABC course fee is just £35. All we ask for is regular attendance and plenty of practice between classes!

About the Society

The Tyndale Choral Society is a registered charity, and was founded in 1960. It is friendly, unstuffy, and has a sense of humour. There are no terrifying auditions. Members work hard, under the musical direction of **Ian Harrold**, to provide concerts of a high standard.

We start rehearsals in late March and finish in November, with an August break. The Summer Concert is held in July in St Mary's Church, Wotton-under-Edge, and is usually of a lighter character. The Winter Concert in November is held in St James' Church, Dursley, and comprises a serious work (or two) accompanied by professional soloists and orchestra. In addition, we hold a 'come and sing' or workshop in September, and sometimes a carol concert in December. We also enjoy various social and fund raising events.

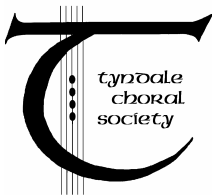
About your tutor

Christopher Swain was born in Coventry where he was a boy chorister and began learning the piano and later the organ. He became an Associate of the Royal College of Organists at the age of 16, and subsequently a Fellow. He was awarded an Organ Scholarship to Worcester College, Oxford, remained to do research and teach at the University after graduation, and was, for a number of years, Director of Music and Organist at Manchester College (now known as Harris Manchester)

After a further year's study at Selwyn College, Cambridge, he became a school master and was Director of Music at Colston's School in Bristol from 1975 until 1983 and at Wycliffe College in Stonehouse, Gloucestershire from 1983 until 2008. Here, as well as teaching A level and GCSE music, he conducted the Choir, Orchestra and String Group, and organised concert tours to France, Spain, Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, Italy and the USA.

He founded Wycliffe Choral Society for parents, staff and friends of the College in 1983. He has been Organist and Choirmaster at St Mary's Church, Painswick since April 2003, is an examiner for the Royal School of Church Music and is frequently invited to serve as an adjudicator.

[Details may be subject to alteration at the discretion of the TCS Committee.]



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Absolute Beginners Class of 2010 Registration Form

Name	
Voice (if known!)	Soprano Alto Tenor Bass
Contact Address and Postcode	
Telephone	
Email	
<p>I wish to sign on to the TCS “Absolute Beginners Class of 2010” I understand that this is for adults, and comprises a course in sight-singing.</p> <p>I enclose a cheque made payable to Tyndale Choral Society in the amount of £35, being the non-fundable course fee.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signature:</p>	

Please complete this form and send together with your payment to:
Julia O'Connor-Beach, 86 Manor Lane, Charfield, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos, GL12 8TY
Phone: 01454 260877 E-mail: secretary@tyndale-choral-society.org

Confirmation of booking: this will be sent by email (if available). Otherwise, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you wish to have your booking confirmed. Thank you.