

LAETARE SINGERS

January 2026

Dear Laetare Singers,

**Choral Weekend at Royal Agricultural University,
Stroud Road, Cirencester GL7 6JS
Friday 10th July to Sunday 12th July 2026
Conductor: Jonny Davies**

see <https://laetaresingers.co.uk/lp309-jonny-davies/>

I am writing to give you the details of our Summer Choral Weekend at RAU, a fun and challenging weekend when our conductor Jonny Davies introduces us to a selection of pieces new to many of us, on the theme “European choral music through the ages” from works by Tallis, Bach, Brahms, Poulenc, Stravinsky, Howells and Carter. All music will be loaned to you on arrival.

This will be a 2-night event, held at the Royal Agricultural University (RAU). This venue offers fully en-suite accommodation in beautiful surroundings on the outskirts of Cirencester and 3 miles from Kemble station. We arrive on Friday evening and depart after tea following our closing performance on Sunday afternoon. There will be free time on Saturday afternoon to explore the area. Saturday evening is reserved for an entertainment – do bring your party piece to join in.

To learn more about the RAU, click this link:

[Short breaks | Royal Agricultural University \(rau.ac.uk\)](https://www.rau.ac.uk/short-breaks)

The university has room for just over 40 people in single and twin en-suite rooms including two ground-floor twins. Note that all other accommodation is on the first or second floor, and there is no lift. All our daytime activities – singing, dining, socialising – will be on the ground floor. Non-singing partners are also welcome. The costs this year are:

- residential full board £335
- non-residential (includes all meals except breakfast) £165

Course numbers are filled on a first come, first served basis, taking account of the balance of voice parts. Once the rooms are booked up we may be able to assist with B&B off site.

Please let me have your non-refundable deposit of £65 per person as soon as possible. The balance will be due by 31st May 2025. Please pay by bank transfer (details on the booking form).

No places will be reserved without the payment of the deposit.

You may wish to insure against cancellation, please do so individually.

I do hope you will be able to join us and I look forward to hearing from you.

Singers under the age of 45 considering coming to their first Laetare residential may wish to read about our Younger Singers Bursary scheme:

https://laetaresingers.co.uk/lp108-laetare-younger_singers-bursary

Kind regards,

Pat Mills, Summer Event Secretary, Laetare Singers

Up-to-date information is available on our website: search on “**Laetare Singers**”

Laetare Singers at Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester

Friday 10th – Sunday 12th July 2026

Booking form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

Voice part(s) (*delete as appropriate*):

Sop 1/ Sop 2/ Alto 1/ Alto 2/ Tenor 1/ Tenor 2/ Bass1/ Bass 2

Any special dietary requirements: _____

I/we wish to be resident/non-resident at RAU (*delete as appropriate*)

Are you prepared to be accommodated on the 2nd floor, leaving the first-floor rooms for singers less able to cope with the stairs? (Note that committee members will be available to carry bags up to your room)?

Do you have a disability that affects your accommodation needs? _____

I have paid by bank transfer* a non-refundable deposit of £_____ or the full payment of £_____ (*please insert figure*)

Full cost per person is £335 (residential, full board), £165 (non-residential)

Non-refundable deposit per person is £65.

Please direct bank transfers, please contact us from the website to ask for bank details or make cheques payable to Laetare Singers.