



## HUDDERSFIELD CHORAL YOUTH CHOIRS SPRING NEWSLETTER 2020

### EXCITING NEWS!

We are delighted that Huddersfield Choral Young Voices have reached the televised semi-final of the **2020 BBC Songs of Praise Young Choir of the Year Competition**. This is a wonderful achievement since only 5 choirs from across the UK are chosen.

On the day, these 5 choirs will perform their first song for the semi-finals and the judges will then choose 3 choirs to sing their second song in the Final, which will be held later the same day. The judges use the following criteria throughout the competition:

- Technical ability e.g. tuning, diction, voice quality, balance, ensemble, dynamics, overall sound
- Musical expression e.g. musicality, communication, phrasing, passion, energy, commitment and interpretation of the text.

This year's Junior event is being held at the Butterworth Hall, Warwick Arts Centre, on Saturday 21st March and will be broadcast on BBC Television in April and/or May 2020.

Alison North MBE is delighted and said:

"We are thrilled that our wonderful singers in Young Voices will have the chance to perform on a national stage. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young singers."

In February the BBC will be filming a rehearsal and interviews as an introduction to the Young Voices performance when the semi-finals are broadcast.

Meanwhile, before any filming, the choirs will take part in the **Mrs Sunderland Festival** in Huddersfield Town Hall, on the evening of Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February with three separate entries (audience welcome).

Young People's Choir class for school year 11 and under;

HC Youth Choir: 'Feel Good' and 'Flying Free'

Young People's Choir – 21 years and under:

HC Youth Choir: 'Joshua fought the battle of Jericho' and 'Can you hear me?'

HC Vocalise: 'Ave Verum' and 'Las Amarillas'

Come and hear all these fantastic singers at our **Songs in Springtime Concert** on Sunday 29th March 2020 at 3.30pm. The venue is Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Church, Huddersfield.