

# Abbeydale Orchestra

## Welcome to Abbeydale Orchestra

We are a friendly group whose members have a range of experience and levels of expertise. We enjoy playing a wide selection of classical and light music – but we don't perform concerts, so no pressure.

We hope you will find the information below useful, but there is always someone to ask if you find that you have any questions.

### **Venue:**

St Oswald's Church Hall, Bannerdale Rd, Sheffield, S7 2DJ

### **Rehearsal times:**

Wednesday mornings during term time, 10.00am – 12.00am.

### **Term Dates:**

There are approximately 12 sessions per term; at the end of each term the dates for the following term are issued.

### **Parking:**

There is a car park behind the church hall which is accessible via the church driveway on the junction of Abbeydale Rd/Bannerdale Rd traffic lights. If spaces are limited in the car park, there may be on-street spaces available on local side roads without time restrictions, or on the main roads after 09.30am. There is also a Park and Ride car park available next to Tesco's on Abbeydale Rd.

### **Attendance:**

Please arrive before 10.00am to allow time to set up and tune and be ready to start playing at 10.00.

On arrival at each session, you should tick the attendance sheet which you will find on a table on the left-hand side as you enter the hall as this is a requirement of St Oswald's. On this table there is also a diary for you to indicate any sessions which you know that you will not be able to attend, such as holidays etc.

If at short notice you suddenly find you're unable to attend please inform Ann Armstrong, Chairman, on 07776 266276 or Judith Wallace, Musical Director, on 01246 413226, or send a message via the WhatsApp group (see below).

**Some practicalities:**

Please bring your own music stand, although there are a few spares available for emergencies. You may also wish to bring a cushion for your own comfort.

Small instrument cases can be left near your seat if there's space and it doesn't inconvenience other players. Larger cases can be left round the sides of the room, but NOT in front of the fire doors or along the left-hand wall as this is a fire exit route. Please do not leave instruments or personal belongings on the stage.

Please read the Fire Evacuation Procedure which can be found on our website or there's a printed copy in the green folder with the attendance sheet.

During the morning of each session there is a short break, with complimentary biscuits provided. You are welcome to bring your own hot or cold drink. You should return to your seat promptly when the whistle sounds to mark the end of the break.

**Music:**

You will be issued with your own named music folder which you will find along the edge of the stage in instrument order, and which you are welcome to take home to practise; you should not take your folder home if you know that you will be absent from the next session. You are responsible for looking after your music.

Folders must be returned at the last session of each term, with the music arranged as per the contents index provided.

**Membership:**

You are welcome to attend three sessions before deciding if you would like to join us, at the discretion of the conductor and orchestra leader.

**Subscriptions:**

Subscriptions are to be paid by members prior to the start of each term. Payment details will be provided should you decide to join; they are also on the website.

**WhatsApp Group:**

We have a WhatsApp group for members which you are very welcome to join if you wish. This is useful if you need to inform us of any last-minute changes, for example if you cannot attend or are likely to arrive late. If you are interested in joining the WhatsApp group contact Anne Huggins (Secretary) on 07763 108833.

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