

## Beckenham Chorale

### Our vision as a Chorale

#### 2018 update

1. To be a friendly, open and welcoming choir with an ambition to be the best that we can be.
2. To be an outstanding local choir of between 60 and 100 singers, seeking always to recruit and retain the best possible balance of SATB members
3. To maintain a sustainable operation as a local charity, driven by good audience numbers and innovative fund raising by choir members and their friends.
4. To be part of the local community and to act as a strong community ourselves, committed to the longer term growth of the Chorale in which we share responsibility for the preparation and delivery of each performance.
5. To maintain our reputation for the interpretation and performance of the standard as well as less familiar choral works and to build our reputation for inspiring performance, including a cappella singing.
6. To rehearse with the emphasis on continuous improvement
  - Building awareness, skill and tonal cohesion as a choir, being open to experimenting with fresh rehearsal styles eg. Rehearsing in subsets of SATB as well as full SATB
  - Exploring the geography of the musical work in hand; appreciating the composers intent, interpreting the work; getting the specifics right; notes, words, dynamics, mood, impact etc.
  - Developing better vocal technique; breathing, expression, smooth legato singing, sustaining notes and dynamics, from *pppp* to *ffff*, listening “aerial up”[attending to the voices around us], achieving good overall balance.