

Formed in 1945, *The Altrincham and District Choral Society* gave its first performance in the then Stamford Hall, in aid of the Altrincham General Hospital building fund.

Since then, the choir has continued to grow and offer its members and audience alike a rich tapestry of concerts and events. With over 120 singers, *Altrincham Choral Society* prides itself in producing a diverse, innovative and challenging programme of concerts and events, with a repertoire of not only choral favourites but also new commissions and collaborations with orchestras, choirs and youth groups.

Performing regularly at The Royal Northern College of Music as well as other venues across the country, including The Bridgewater Hall, Gorton Monastery, The Lowry Theatre, Huddersfield Town Hall and St Paul's Cathedral, ACS has also sung throughout Europe, including France, Prague, Lake Garda, Venice and Florence.

Recent events have seen the choir performing on tour with Russell Watson (*A Candlelight Christmas - 2014, An Intimate Evening With Russell Watson - 2015*), lunchtime recitals at St Paul's Cathedral (*London - 2015, 2016*) and in 2016 working with Barnsley Youth Choir (*2015 European Triple Gold Medalists and Grand Prix Winners*). Alongside their own concert schedule, the ACS 2017/18 season also includes a series of recitals at Carlisle Cathedral, Hexham Abbey and central London.

ACS also holds vocal training sessions for its membership, with singing days and termly open rehearsals for newcomers to come and meet the choir and explore their own voice potential and enjoy the thrill of singing.

The choir also supports local and national charities throughout the year through retiring collections and sales of their CD, *Religion and Reel*. Previous charities have included St Ann's Hospice, The Rainbow Family Trust, Macmillan, Barnardo's, The Lord's Taverners. This year the choir is supporting The David Lewis Centre.

ACS is delighted to once again be working with Russell and his team, and wish them all the very best for their future tour dates.