WIMBLEDON CHORAL

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Dear Friend of Wimbledon Choral

We are rehearsing for our November 16 Concert with our new Musical Director Mahoney. The repertoire comprises O Salutaris Hostia by our accompanist Michael Higgins, Five Variants of Dives and Lazarus by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Ave Maris Stella and Music of the Stars by Cecilia McDowall and Serenade for Strings by Edward Elgar. We are accompanied by the City of London Sinfonia.

We very much hope that you will come to support Daniel, and Wimbledon Choral, at Holy Trinity, 146 Sloane Street, SW1X 9BZ as we undertake our first Concert together.

Tickets are available via <u>www.wimbledon-choral.org.uk</u>. When you have bought your tickets, please do not forget to let me know how many you have purchased, whether in the front or rear nave, and what your seating preferences are. As always, a precise seating location cannot be guaranteed but we will do our best.

On the evening of the Concert, you will find your seats, with your names on them (and a programme for each Friend) on your seats.

The Concert starts at 1930 and should finish by 2130 allowing time to share reactions afterwards. Please, also. let me know? We welcome feedback. If you are in agreement we would like to include comments (attributed or not) on the WCS website.

Our Carol Concerts are on Saturday December 14 at 1500 hours (3:00 pm) in the afternoon and 1800 (6:00 pm) in the evening. These are always extremely popular pre-Christmas events when you get to join in (& try to keep track of the Twelve Days of Christmas) so do get your tickets when they become available and, again, let me know how many will be coming and to which Concert.

WCS is holding a Come and Sing on Saturday February 8 2025. It is a chance to come and be part of the Choir. or to listen. as you prefer. We will be singing "Mass in the Time of War" at St Mark's Church in Wimbledon (between the Library and the Alex). The start time is 1030. I will provide further information in due course.

The last Spring diary date is Saturday May 10 when we stage SingFest-2025 in St Mark's. This is an annual opportunity for Merton singers of all ages to gather, perform, hear others and sing as a Choral group at the end of the 3 Concerts of the day. Refreshments will be available. It is fun. It is free. Just drop in.

Thank you to those who have renewed your Friendship of the Choir – your ongoing support is invaluable and much appreciated.

Kindest Regards and I hope to see you on November 16.



Colleen Spalding Friends of Wimbledon Choral