

Easter 2017

Dear Friend of Wimbledon Choral Society

On March 25 we performed the *Monteverdi Vespers* at The Cadogan Hall to a capacity audience which was a truly wonderful feeling. Many thanks to all Friends there to listen and support. It was a grand and demanding piece to sing, the Orchestra and the soloists were pretty amazing and Neill seemed to think that we had done the work justice; we hope that you enjoyed the occasion. If you have comments (positive of course!) which could be put on our website please would you forward them? Many thanks.

You may have seen this on our website (www.wimbledon-choral.org.uk):
"Wimbledon Choral Society is very proud to share the news and offer our heartiest congratulations to our MD, Neil Ferris, on his appointment as the new Chorus Director for the BBC Symphony Chorus, a role he will take up in May 2017. Having worked with him and seen how much our choir has advanced since he joined us in 2009, we know what a tremendous asset he will be to the BBCSC and we wish him and them every success."



We were delighted by Neil's appointment and even more delighted when he reassured us that he plans to remain with WCS.



We have started preparing our Summer Concert which will be on Saturday **June 10, 1800-1930** at a new venue for us: Holy Trinity Church, Beaumont Road, Wandsworth SW19 6SP, just off the A3 near the Royal Hospital for Nuro-Disability.

The evening will feature a selection of traditional cathedral anthems by Wesley, Purcell, Handel, Mendelssohn, Parry and Stanford with more recent contributions by Benjamin Britten, Will Todd and James MacMillan, amongst others. It is an eclectic mix and one we hope has something to appeal to every taste.

Tickets will be available from www.wimbledon-choral.org.uk. If you are attending this concert and would like to reserve seats please remember to **let me know** in advance that you are coming, how many there are in your party, and what seating preferences you have if any (friends@wimbledon-choral.org.uk or 020 8947 7651 daytime). We are happy to try and oblige in all cases but we do need the information directly from you.

Future Dates for the Diary:

May 27–30: The Choir is in Tallinn, Estonia if you would like to provide a touring audience.

June 10: *AnthemFest*, see above.

June 15: The Summer Quiz this year has been moved from its traditional Monday slot to a Thursday.

July 7: WCS has been invited to sing with the Central Band of the Royal British Legion at G Live in Guildford. Box Office is www.glive.co.uk. More information will follow when available.

If you have recently changed, or started using, email please send me details? Many thanks.

We, the Choir, hope you will be joining us at Holy Trinity in June.

Best Wishes for a Happy Eastertide.



Colleen Spalding, Friends of Wimbledon Choral Society