



**Spring 2018**

**March 05 2018**

**Dear Friend of Wimbledon Choral Society**

It has not been overly Spring-like recently altho the snow created a magical tableau. It seemed warmer when we performed Carols for Choir and Audience on December 16. If you joined us we hope you enjoyed the overall offering and the inaugural performance of *Gentle Mary Laid her Child*, by Owain Park, who was present to hear our rendition – we are told he approved.

We are preparing our Spring Concert (flyer attached) featuring *Dvorak's Te Deum*, the *Symphony no 8 in G Major, op 88* and *The Music Makers* by *Elgar*. The former gives, particularly, our "lower voices" the opportunity to create a wonderful sound.

*The Music Makers* could perhaps be considered outside our "normal" repertoire - and we are enjoying the challenge. The work is based, faithfully, upon a 1874 poem by Arthur O'Shaughnessy, was first performed in October 1912 and celebrates both dreaming and music.

We are accompanied by Orchestra Vitae who last joined us, I think, at the Festival Hall in March 2015.

**Come and listen and enjoy.**

This Concert marks our return to Guildford Cathedral, Stag Hill, GU2 7UPs. It starts at 1930 (7:30) on Saturday April 7. Tickets are available via members of the Choir, from Guildford Tourist Information Centre ([www.visitguildford.com](http://www.visitguildford.com)) or from [www.wimbledon-choral.org.uk/tickets](http://www.wimbledon-choral.org.uk/tickets). Prices range from £18 (rear nave) to £24 (front).

**PLEASE let me know if you are attending, how many are in your party, and where you would ticket area. We cannot guarantee but, as ever, we will do our best.**

Kind Regards  
Hope to see you in April

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Friends of Wimbledon Choral Society

