

Dear Chorale Members

Our Summer concert is on Saturday, 15 June at 19:00. Here is what you need to know if you are taking part in the concert. If you have further questions then do, please, ask Henrike, using her e-mail henrike@ntlworld.com or mobile (07952 948799).

Tuesday 11 June: rehearsal at St. George's Church starting at 19:45. If you do not already have a music folder you can collect one from Henrike that day.

Please note change of day: WEDNESDAY 12 June: rehearsal at St. George's Church starting at 19:45. On this occasion we will be sitting in the usual rehearsal formation. The stage will not be up. A seating plan showing where each choir member will sit will be available on that day. **You will need to check and remember your position.**

Saturday 15 June: **Rehearsal with orchestra and soloists** at St George's Church.

The day will be different from our usual concert days as the church is conducting a wedding early in the afternoon.

This is our timetable:

10:00–12:15: rehearsal with instruments and soloists. Please arrive by 09:45 in order to be seated and ready to start at 10:00.

Choir rehearsal ends at 12:15, and we need to leave the church clear by 12:30 for the wedding party to move in. Please kindly fold up your chair and place it on the trolley, then leave the church taking all your belongings with you.

If you are not helping with the set-up, you should come back at 18:40 using the South Transept door (not the main entrance which will be thronged with the audience coming in.)

Please note that you will then see the stage set up for the first time. The seating plan for women voices will hang in the Lady Chapel, for men's voices in the corridor leading to the back of the altar to remind you of your seat. Check your position and find your neighbours to walk in.

Concert starts at 19:00. Expect the whole concert to run for a about 60 minutes. There will be a reception with wine and soft drinks for audience and singers after the concert.

Dress

Women: Long dress, or skirt (ankle length) or smart trousers; tops with long sleeves – all Black. Small black handbags and discreet jewellery only

Men: Summer dress code: Black trousers, black shirts, no jackets.

Concert Etiquette

Please enter St George's Church via the South Transept Door, not by the main door which is reserved for the audience.

Courtesy: During the concert, women may leave their belongings in the Lady Chapel using such chairs as may be available there. But please note: under no circumstances should we hang coats over the altar rails.

At 18:50 assemble in the North Transept (men) and Lady Chapel off the South Transept (women). Find your neighbours and line up to walk to the seats in sequence. **New! The two first rows of the ladies walk in and out together.** Please walk in purposefully, and sit down immediately when you have reached your chair.

Take care moving around on the stage platforms.

When seated, please be quiet and still. Please do not take water bottles on stage.

We don't applaud when the conductor and soloist/s come on stage, but we can applaud them when they return to take their bow.

Stands / Sits: Please make sure you mark up your copies as directed by Mark during rehearsals. If you are not sure then please check with those around you to make sure what to do.

After the final bow we stand and walk back in reverse order, both front rows walking out together. Observe and follow the Alto at the far end of the first row.

Folders: We are using the black concert folders. If you do not have a folder at home please collect one from Henrike on the Tuesday before the concert.

Return of Choir Score Books

Jo Groves will collect them **not on concert night, but on the Tuesday after**. Please make arrangements with a friend if you are not going to be there and remember to erase all pencil marks first. Keep your folders for next time.

Any problems or questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Enjoy the concert - and keep selling those tickets!

With kind regards
Henrike

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