



## FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER CHORAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER NUMBER 25

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*Dear Friend*

As the warmer weather ushers in the summer, we can look forward to the RCS Summer Concert on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, in the Cathedral, at the usual time of 7pm. By contrast to the Spring Concert, which comprised some excellent 20<sup>th</sup> century music, we are this time offering excellence from the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Nowadays we are so fortunate in being able to choose from a spectrum that goes from baroque to modern, to find music which is a joy both to sing and to listen to. We can be proud of the number of works we have sung during their composer's lifetime, ever since our foundation in 1873. This consistent record has played its part in maintaining the contribution to our musical heritage, made by composers, players and singers alike.

Now, perhaps, it's time for a little nostalgia!

**ROCHESTER CHORAL SOCIETY**  
**SUMMER CONCERT:**  
**MOZART**  
**GREAT MASS IN C MINOR**  
**VIVALDI**  
**GLORIA**  
**CONDUCTOR: SCOTT FARRELL**  
**WITH THE ROCHESTER SINFONIETTA**  
**ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL**  
**7 PM SATURDAY 25TH JUNE** Tel: 01634 401049  
Tickets £15, £7 (aisles), £5 students @rochesterchoral  
Book online: [www.rochesterchoral.co.uk](http://www.rochesterchoral.co.uk) facebook/rochesterchoral

Mozart's Mass in C Minor is published in a number of versions and Scott has chosen the Peters edition. This is not only readily-available from local libraries but contains only music written by Mozart himself. The RCS will be well-supported by its long-term ally, Rochester Sinfonietta, in the Mozart as well as in the brilliant Vivaldi Gloria. As with all great music, each performance is a unique re-creation and the audience is due for a treat in the performances of both works.

As usual, Sarah is sending out concert flyers like this one, designed by Rebecca Lehmann, to help you in spreading the word, so please do your best to encourage attendance.

And this is an opportunity to mention the contribution by RCS members to *Proms in the Park*, an open air celebration of The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, in Whatman Park, Maidstone on Saturday 28 May from 2pm. It's free and you can take a picnic.

And before you put your diary away, please note Tuesday evening 5<sup>th</sup> July, when RCS will hold its annual fund-raising dinner and social at The Jade Garden restaurant in Chatham. You can expect a delicious low-cost Chinese meal and a chance to talk to Society members in informal surroundings. Please ask Sarah for more details.

Thank you for your invaluable help and support

*Yours sincerely,*

*Malcolm and Sarah*

Malcolm Moulton and Sarah Anderson, Friends' Secretaries



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### **Summer Concert 2016**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 7 pm

**Mozart: Great Mass in C Minor; Vivaldi: Gloria**

Alexandra Stevenson, Soprano  
Augusta Hebbert, Soprano  
Toby Forster, Countertenor  
Clifford Lister, Tenor  
Ryan Pollock, Baritone

With the Rochester Sinfonietta

Conducted by Scott Farrell

*Rochester Cathedral*

**Tickets: £15 (unreserved - nave), £7 (unreserved restricted view - mostly in the aisles), £5 (for school children and students in full-time education - any seat). RCS Friends save £5 off the nave seats and £3 off the aisle seats (please contact Rosemary direct for Friends tickets).**

Please contact Rosemary Clemence - email: [tickets@rochesterchoral.co.uk](mailto:tickets@rochesterchoral.co.uk) or telephone: 01634 401049 - for tickets..... **or buy your tickets online!**

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### **Autumn Concert 2016**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**Fauré: Requiem**

**Langlais: Messe Solennelle**

Conducted by Scott Farrell

*Rochester Cathedral*

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### **Spring Concert 2017**

Date: 18 March 2017

**Chilcott: St. John Passion**

**Mixed motets for Passiontide**

Conducted by Scott Farrell

*Rochester Cathedral*

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### **Summer Concert 2017**

Date: t.b.c.

**C.P.E. Bach: Magnificat**

**Haydn: Missa in tempore belli**

Conducted by Scott Farrell

*Rochester Cathedral*