



**FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER  
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*Dear Friend*

I am sad to report the death of Duet Friend Robert Hinde and offer condolences from all of us to Hilary, while welcoming her back as a Friend and, once again, as a singer.

**ROCHESTER CHORAL SOCIETY**

**SUMMER CONCERT**

**HAYDN  
HARMONIE MESSE  
SCHUBERT  
MASS IN B $\flat$**

**WITH THE ROCHESTER SINFONIETTA**

**ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL**  
7 PM SATURDAY 23RD JUNE 2018

Tel: 01634 401049  
Tickets £15, £7 (aisles), £5 students  
@rochesterchoral  
Book online: [www.rochesterchoral.co.uk](http://www.rochesterchoral.co.uk) facebook/rochesterchoral

Our forthcoming Summer Concert, on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, features Haydn's Harmonie-Messe, which has never been performed before by RCS and is remarkable for the exciting use of wind instruments (hence its name: literally *Wind band Mass*).

Schubert's delightful Mass in B Flat is perhaps better-known although this will be its first performance by RCS since 1979 so its reappearance here is long overdue.

As usual, a list of the forthcoming attractions is attached overleaf.

While future dates are still to be confirmed, it would help if you would please note this year's dates in your diary.

In particular, we are all looking forward to the Autumn Concert, when we join the City of Rochester Symphony Orchestra and the Cathedral, in a performance of the magnificent War Requiem of Benjamin Britten, which is generally recognised as the greatest choral work of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. In this World War One centenary, it will be performed throughout the land and one is advised to book early.

The first of the forthcoming attractions, three evenings after the Summer Concert, is the Garden Party in the lovely gardens of our Patron, Bishop Langstaff and Mrs Langstaff at Bishopscourt, 24 St. Margaret's Street, Rochester, ME1 1TS. Further details are given overleaf. We hope to see you there and at the concert.

With best wishes

*Yours sincerely,*

*Malcolm and Sarah*

Malcolm Moulton and Sarah Anderson, Friends' Secretaries



Rochester Choral Society's  
**Summer's Evening Garden Party**  
Bishopscourt, Rochester

Tuesday 26 June  
7pm – 9pm  
£11

- Join us for a summer's evening garden party
- Ploughman's supper and soft drinks included
- Wander round the beautiful walled gardens at Bishopscourt
- Email [rochesterchoral@gmail.com](mailto:rochesterchoral@gmail.com) to book

Bishopscourt  
24 St Margaret's Street  
Rochester  
ME1 1TS

With many thanks to the Rt Rev James Langstaff, Bishop of Rochester,  
and Mrs Bridget Langstaff.

**Next Concerts:**

All on Saturdays in Rochester Cathedral, at 7pm (unless otherwise stated)  
Please contact Rosemary Clemence for tickets -by telephone: 01634 401049 -... .. or buy your tickets [online](https://www.rochesterchoral.co.uk/tickets) at [tickets@rochesterchoral.co.uk](mailto:tickets@rochesterchoral.co.uk)

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**Summer Concert 2018** 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018

**Haydn: Harmonie-Messe; Schubert: Mass in B<sup>b</sup>**

With the Rochester Sinfonietta

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**Autumn Concert 2018** 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 7.30 pm (please note the change of start time)

**Britten: War Requiem**

Soloists Susan Young, Soprano; Clifford Lister, Tenor; Colin Campbell, Bass

With the [Thanet Festival Choir](#) and [Sutton Valence Choral Society](#)

With [City of Rochester Symphony Orchestra](#) and Rochester Sinfonietta Chamber

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**Spring Concert 2019** Date to be confirmed

**Stainer: Crucifixion; Dvořák: Mass in D**

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**Summer Concert 2019** Date to be confirmed

**Mozart: Vespers; Haydn: Therese Messe; Haydn: Te Deum**

With the Rochester Sinfonietta

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**Autumn Concert 2019** Date to be confirmed

A Choral Classics Concert (organ only) - a programme that will include:

**Vaughan Williams: Five Mystical Songs; Duruflé: Requiem**

*Please visit the web site for date confirmation and subsequent concerts*