



FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER CHORAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER NUMBER 29

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Dear Friend

We hope you enjoyed our wonderful Passiontide concert, where the first half comprising motets by Brahms and Bruckner interspersed with organ pieces beautifully performed by James Norrey was followed by an extremely moving performance of Bob Chilcott's St John Passion.

Rehearsals are now well underway for our summer concert: C.P.E. Bach's Magnificat, and Haydn's Missa in Tempore Belli – both pieces new to most of the choir's members. You can book tickets on our website, <http://www.rochesterchoral.co.uk/tickets>, or contact Rosemary Clemence: email tickets@rochesterchoral.co.uk, or telephone 01634 401049. (Contact Rosemary direct to obtain your Friends discounted ticket.)

ROCHESTER CHORAL SOCIETY
SUMMER CONCERT:
C.P.E. BACH
MAGNIFICAT
HAYDN
MISSA IN TEMPORE BELLI
(PAUKENMESSE)
CONDUCTOR: SCOTT FARRELL
ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL
7PM SATURDAY 24TH JUNE 2017 Tel: 01634 401049
Tickets £15, £7 (aisles), £5 students @rochesterchoral
Book online: www.rochesterchoral.co.uk facebook/rochesterchoral

Inspired our summer concert, Malcolm has crafted two "pomes" from his sick bed. (We wish him well for a speedy recovery.)

Chippy Bach, a pome

We find that the music's delightful and fun
From CPE Bach, his father's third son.
As he cheerily adorned his score
With semi-quaver runs galore
The size of his repertoire quite ran amok.
"Chippy Bach" was a chip off his father's old block.

Haydn

Franz Joseph Haydn has many a fan
Not least 'cause folks found him a very nice man.
When composing his Missa in Tempore Belli
He added some drums so's to give it more welly.
If you dared class all that as "dead as old mutton"
You'd soon find yourself on a Haydn to nutton.

As well as noting the date of **our summer concert on Saturday 24th June 2017** in your diaries, we would be pleased to welcome Friends of Rochester Choral Society to our **Summer's Evening Garden Party on Tuesday 27th June**, at Bishops Court, St Margaret's Street, Rochester (with thanks to Bishop James and Mrs Langstaff), and a flyer is enclosed. Please contact me via the Rochester Choral Society website if you would like to book (rochesterchoral@gmail.com)

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm and Sarah

Malcolm Moulton and Sarah Anderson, Friends' Secretaries



Future Concert dates

Summer Concert 2017 **24th June 2017**

C.P.E. Bach: Magnificat
Haydn: Missa in Tempore Belli (Paukenmesse)

With the Rochester Sinfonietta

Conducted by Scott Farrell

Rochester Cathedral

Autumn Concert 2017 **18th November 2017**

Jenkins: The Armed Man
Vaughan Williams: Sancta Civitas

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Spring Concert 2018 **17th March 2018**

Rossini: Petit Messe Solennelle

Conducted by Scott Farrell

Rochester Cathedral

Summer Concert 2018 **23rd June 2018**

Haydn: Harmonie Messe

Schubert: Mass in B^b

Conducted by Scott Farrell

Rochester Cathedral

Autumn Concert 2018 **Date to be confirmed**

Britten: War Requiem

Rochester Cathedral

Summer Concert 2019 **Date to be confirmed**

Mozart: Vespers

Haydn: Therese Messe

Haydn: Te Deum

Conducted by Scott Farrell

Rochester Cathedral
