



FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER CHORAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER NUMBER 34

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Dear Friend

We are glad to present the first Newsletter since we introduced last November's concert, Britten's War Requiem. The 33rd Newsletter went out with a tactful reminder about this year's subscriptions. We'd like to record our thanks for your enthusiastic response to both of these appeals. The War Requiem performance was a credit to all involved and our Annual Members paid up promptly.

Subscriptions can make very acceptable gifts, as some of us have discovered. Our Treasurer, Chris Clemence, would be happy to explain further.



The Spring Concert, on Saturday 16 March in the Cathedral, reverts to the usual time of 7pm. It will be conducted by John Mountford, our newly-appointed accompanist. The programme consists of the much-loved Dvorak Mass in D and Stainer's Crucifixion. We look forward to hearing John's predecessor, James Norrey, playing the organ.

As usual, we include an extract from the RCS website, so ably maintained by the RCS Hon Secretary, Mary Burslem.

RCS members, Friends and guests took part in a special Mozart "Sing and Discover" Day on Saturday 9 February at The Vines Church, organised by an enthusiastic team led by Mary Burslem and Sarah Anderson. It was held under the musical direction of John Hancorn, who will be conducting our Summer Concert in the Cathedral, on 22 June. The Mozart event was informative and enjoyable, as well as being an effective fund-raiser.

Looking ahead, the Autumn Concert, will take place on 2 November in the St George's Centre, as the Cathedral was unavailable on any of the dates acceptable to the RCS. One piece of good news is that Scott Farrell is willing to conduct.

Speaking for myself, I'd like to thank Sarah Anderson for enabling me to continue to make a contribution to these Newsletters, the first of which was published, in this format, nine years ago this month.

With best wishes, on behalf of Sarah and me

Malcolm

Malcolm Moulton (Life Friend, and Friends' Secretary)



Forthcoming concerts

Spring 2019 Saturday 16 March 2019, 7pm Rochester Cathedral	Stainer: Crucifixion
	Dvořák: Mass in D
Summer 2019 Saturday 22 June 2019, 7pm Rochester Cathedral	Mozart: Vespers
	Haydn: Theresienmesse
	Haydn: Te Deum
Autumn 2019 Saturday 2 November 2019, 7pm St George's Centre, Pembroke Rd, Chatham Maritime, ME4 4UH	Durufié: Requiem
	Vaughan Williams: Five Mystical Songs

Please contact Rosemary Clemence direct to purchase "Friends" tickets.

Other tickets can be bought online via the Rochester Choral Society website:

<http://www.rochesterchoral.co.uk/tickets>

Friends Annual Subscriptions, benefits and payment

'Solo Friend': £30 for a year (life membership £300).

'Duet Friends': £50 per couple (life membership £450).

As a Friend, you receive:

- £5 off your centre-nave seat
- A free programme at each concert
- Newsletters, in the form of pre-concert mailings

(Some fixed-price concerts (eg Christmas) are not included)

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