



**FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER  
CHORAL SOCIETY  
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*Dear Friend*

Rehearsals are now well underway for our Summer 2019 concert in the Cathedral, on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. We are very much looking forward to the performance, which is to be conducted by John Hancorn. After an inspirational rehearsal led by him this week, I can assure you that you will enjoy a wonderful evening of music.

We are also delighted to confirm the appointment of John Mountford as our Acting Director of Music following the resignation of Scott Farrell. John is Director of Music at King's School Rochester, and has expertly accompanied the choir since January 2019, as well as conducting us for the Spring Concert.



According to the very helpful list of concerts performed since 1978 compiled by Malcolm, which you can find on the Rochester Choral Society website, we last sang the Mozart Vespers in 1997, and before that, in 1982. It really is a beautiful, prayerful work. We are also continuing our series of an annual performance of a Haydn mass.

Membership of the Friends continues to grow, and we welcome a new annual Friend, and also a new Life Friend. RCS very much appreciates the support given to the Society by the Friends, and the £5 discount on concert tickets is a small way of marking that appreciation.

As well as singing, members of Rochester Choral Society enjoy regular social events. I am extremely pleased to let you know that our patron, the Rt Rev James Langstaff, has very kindly invited us to hold our summer social in the beautiful gardens at Bishops court once again.

Friends of the Choral Society are warmly invited to join us for a summer's evening garden party on Tuesday 25 June. Tickets are £12 and include a Ploughman's supper and soft drinks. (Please feel free to bring a bottle of wine if you'd prefer!) If you would like to book a place, please email [rochesterchoral@gmail.com](mailto:rochesterchoral@gmail.com) to confirm numbers and arrange payment.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Malcolm and Sarah*

Malcolm Moulton and Sarah Anderson, Friends' Secretaries



### Forthcoming concerts and events

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| Summer 2019<br>Saturday 22 June 2019, 7pm<br>Rochester Cathedral                                 | Mozart: Vespers                                      |
|  | Haydn: Theresienmesse                                |
| Autumn 2019<br>Saturday 2 November 2019, 7pm<br>St George's Centre, Chatham<br>Maritime, ME4 4UH | Durufflé: Requiem                                    |
|  | Vaughan Williams: Five Mystical Songs                |
| Spring 2020<br>Saturday 28 March, 7pm<br>Rochester Cathedral                                     | Rutter: The Gift of Life – Six Canticles of Creation |
|  | Chilcott: Requiem                                    |
| Summer 2020<br>Saturday 20 June 2019, 7pm<br>Rochester Cathedral                                 | Haydn: Insanae et vanae curae (motet)                |
|  | Haydn: Heiligmesse                                   |
|  | Mozart: Requiem                                      |



Rochester Choral Society's  
**Summer's Evening Garden Party**  
 Bishops court, Rochester

Tuesday 25 June 2019  
 7pm – 9pm  
 £12

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

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 24 St Margaret's Street  
 Rochester  
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