

FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER CHORAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER 36 September 2019



Dear Friend

A new term has begun, and members of the Choral Society are delighted to be singing again after a long summer break - our summer concert at the end of June seems a distant memory! We are now preparing for our autumn concert on Saturday 2nd November when we will be performing Vaughan Williams' Five Mystical Songs and Six Choral Songs (to Be Sung in Time of War), as well as Duruflé's Requiem. **Please note** that the concert will be held in the **St George's Centre at Chatham Maritime** and not the Cathedral.



We are pleased to confirm that John Mountford has been appointed as our Director of Music. As mentioned in the last newsletter, John is Director of Music at King's School Rochester, and is now ably assisted in rehearsals by Jeremy Lloyd, who is the Assistant Director of Music and Sub-Organist at Rochester Cathedral. We are extremely fortunate to have such a good team.

Welcome to two new Friends who have joined following the summer concert. It is wonderful to have your support. As well as your discount on concert tickets (please contact the Tickets Secretary on rochesterchoral@gmail.com for discounted Friends Tickets) and included programme, we welcome Friends to join Choral Society members at our social and fundraising events which we aim to hold once a term.

Our next event is a Quiz to be held on Saturday 16 November at St Stephen's Church, Maidstone Road, Chatham. A flyer is attached. If you would like to come, either with a table or

as an individual, please do email me on rochesterchoral@gmail.com and I will add you to the list.

It's at this time of year that we remind Annual Friends that subscriptions are due by the end of October. If you pay by Standing Order then you need take no further action. Alternatively, you can pay via electronic transfer (please email to let us know) or by cheque.

Yours sincerely,
Malcolm and Sarah

Malcolm Moulton and Sarah Anderson, Friends' Secretaries



Forthcoming concerts and events

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

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 and

An opportunity to socialise at our concerts.

To pay on-line, please pay to

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