



**FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER
CHORAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER 39
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Dear Friend

Our spring term is flying past, and rehearsals are going well for our next concert, Handel's **Messiah**, on **12 March 2022 at 7pm**. We are very much looking forward to returning to the stunning setting of **Rochester Cathedral** for this concert, accompanied by the talented Rochester Sinfonietta.

After a tough two years for all of us, Rochester Choral Society wants to welcome as many people as possible to the performance of this life-affirming piece and has therefore decided there will be no charge for the concert. (Please feel free to leave a donation on the night if you wish!)



For the most part there will be no allocated seating for the audience, and entry will be on a "first come, first served" basis when the doors open at 6.30pm. Numbers will be limited to the capacity of the cathedral.

However, to mark our appreciation for the support you give us as Friends of the Choral Society, there will be **reserved seating for Friends** at the front of the Nave. If you wish to take advantage of this, please contact me by the 11 March and I'll make sure a seat is reserved for you. Please email me on: rochesterchoral@gmail.com.

As is usual, Friends will be offered a free programme for the concert.

Dates for your diary: I am pleased to confirm the dates for our Summer and Autumn concerts.

We will be performing Mozart's Coronation Mass and Haydn's Schöpfungsmesse (Creation Mass), on **18 June 2022** in the St George's Centre, Chatham. We return to the Cathedral in for our Autumn concert on **19 November 2022** where we will be performing works by Vaughan Williams to commemorate 150 years since his birth.

We look forward to seeing you on 12 March 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah

Sarah Anderson, Friends' Secretary

Forthcoming concerts and events

(Please contact the Tickets Secretary on tickets@rochesterchoral.co.uk direct for Friends tickets)

<p>Spring 2022 12 March 2022 Rochester Cathedral</p> <p>(Free event – email me to reserve a seat rochesterchoral@gmail.com)</p>	<p>Handel: Messiah</p>
<p>Summer 2022 18 March 2022 St George’s Centre, Chatham</p>	<p>Haydn: Schöpfungsmesse (Creation Mass)</p> <p>Mozart: Coronation Mass</p>
<p>Autumn 2022 19 November 2022 Rochester Cathedral</p>	<p>Vaughan Williams - Commemorating 150 years since his birth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Hundredth • The Voice out of the Whirlwind • Nothing is here for tears • Two Hymn-tune preludes • The Lark Ascending • Dona nobis pacem

Tickets:

£15

£5 (for school children and students in full-time education - any seat)

RCS Friends save £5 off the nave seats (please contact the Tickets Secretary on tickets@rochesterchoral.co.uk direct for Friends 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 and
- An opportunity to socialise at our concerts.

You can pay via online transfer, cheque or standing order.

Our bank account details:

Name: Rochester Choral Society
Sort code: 40-39-02
Account n°: 21028936

If paying online, please let our Treasurer, William Little, know by e-mail: rochesterchoral@gmail.com