



encouraging choral music in worship

January 2025

Dear Friends

Festival of Church Music at Coventry Cathedral

Saturday 11th October 2025

We are looking forward to the festival in October in Coventry, the theme is Justice and Freedom. I Hope that many of you will be able to join us either as part of a choir or as an individual singer.

This is the list of anthems to be sung:-

Praise our God	Andrew Moore
A new commandment	Malcolm Archer
Lord in thy mercy	Felix Mendelssohn
For everyone born a place at the table	Lori True
I, the Lord of sea and sky	Dan Schutte
Creation's glory shines	J S Bach
O God of mercy	Simon Lole
Oh freedom	South African trad melody
Like the murmur of the dove's song	Alan Smith
People need the Lord	Greg Nelson & Phill McHugh
Now the God of peace	Gerald H Knight

The anthem books will be available in the next couple of months, the cost per book is £13.50 which includes postage or £12 if collected. The cost of the book includes a membership subscription which can be Gift Aided, please use the form found inside each book.

I have included an order form for the books with this letter, it is also available on our website. Books are available from:-

Adrian Prisk, 15 Parklands, Great Linford MK14 5DZ,

Tel: 01908 605815; Email aprisk@doctors.org.uk

The books contain conductor's notes for use at local choir practices. Peter Williams will be holding local rehearsals from the summer, these dates will be detailed in future emails and posted on the website when available.

I am also including the recruitment poster/flyer which I'd be grateful for you to share with your choirs and friends please.

We are in the process of organizing the Festival tea and again, I will send more details in future emails.

Please contact me if you would like any further information.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "April". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

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