



encouraging choral music in worship

March 2022

Festival of Church Music at Lichfield Cathedral

Saturday 21st May 2022 at 6.30pm

Dear Friends

It's not long now until our Festival of Church Music. The committee would like to thank everyone who has bought anthem books, we hope you are enjoying learning the anthems and hymns. By the end of April we would like to know the numbers of singers in the choir and any special requirements in order to provide the correct seating. Please would you therefore complete and return the enclosed form to me by 23rd April at the latest. I am also attaching an updated poster for the Festival, please feel free to print or share this electronically.

Stewards

We will require a number of stewards for the evening Festival, these duties include welcoming and directing choir members, welcoming congregation, handing out order of service and assisting the Cathedral Stewards with the offertory. If you know of any non-singers who would be willing to assist with these important duties please would you indicate on the form mentioned above. A short briefing will be held for Stewards during the late afternoon.

Timings for the day

13.00	Singers to arrive
13.30 – 16.30	Festival rehearsal (to include short AGM)
18.00	Doors open for Festival Service
18.15	Choir to be seated
18.30 – 20.00	Festival Service

There will be a Eucharist in the Cathedral from 12.30 – 13.15 and Evening Prayer (said) from 17.00 – 17.30 to which all are welcome.

The agenda for the General Meeting will be available shortly on the website and some copies will be available on the day of the Festival.

Dress and Changing Rooms

Ladies – White blouses/tops/cardigans and black skirts or trousers

Gentlemen – Lounge suits, white shirts and ordinary ties (not bow ties)

Changing rooms and toilets will be available but these are located across the courtyard and not within the Cathedral. Anyone using these rooms will need to keep any valuables with them.

Festival tea

The Cathedral caterers Bistro Number 19 will be providing afternoon tea which will be served following the afternoon rehearsal. It will consist of sandwiches, cakes, tray bakes, etc plus tea or coffee. The cost will be £10 per head, please buy your tickets in advance from:-

Adrian Prisk, 15 Parklands, Great Linford MK14 5DZ Tel: 01908 605815 Email aprisk@doctors.org.uk

Parking and disabled parking spaces

There is no general parking permitted in The Cathedral Close but dropping off is allowed. Coaches are prohibited from entering The Cathedral Close. There are several public car parks within walking distance, please use this link to locate the car parks:-

<https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/homepage/4/lichfield-city-car-park-map>.

There are 6 disabled parking spaces in The Cathedral Close which are available on a first-come-first-served basis.

Rehearsal schedule

I am attaching an updated list of the local rehearsals that Peter Williams will be taking over the next two months. Please note that the Stantonbury (Milton Keynes) rehearsal will now take place on 7th April, the Ickenham one in April will now be on 28th April and the Camberley rehearsal has had to be cancelled.

Practice CDs

The practice CDs for each voice part and accompaniment are still available from Saffron Choral Prompt, you just need to quote Free Church Choirs Lichfield 2022. These are their details:- 01799 586269, website:- <https://www.saffronchoralprompt.co.uk/how-to-order.html>.

The Festival will be professionally recorded and CDs will be available for purchase in due course.

Best regards



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