



encouraging choral music in worship

July 2023

Dear Friends

Festival of Church Music at St Alban's Cathedral

Saturday 14th October 2023

We are looking forward to the Festival in October which is now only a few months away. In this letter I am giving you details of:

- Purchasing anthem books
- Rehearsal schedule
- Practice music to download
- Timings for the day
- Festival tea

Anthem books

So far over 150 anthem books have been purchased and there is still time to order for yourself or your choir. The cost per book is £13 which includes postage or £12 if collected. The cost 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 email, 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 Paying by bank transfer is preferred:

Bank transfer to: Free Church Choirs National

Sort code: 40-43-19

Account no: 41888587

Reference: Anthem

Rehearsal schedule

I am attaching a list of the local rehearsals that Peter Williams will be taking over the coming months. The list will be available on the website and if any further dates are added it will be updated.

Practice music

As mentioned in my last email, this year we aren't producing rehearsal CDs, instead we have arranged for audio files to be available free of charge on the FCC website, this is the link:

<https://www.freechurchchoirs.org.uk/stalbans-2023.html> You will find a series of MP3 format files for each part (Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass), along with accompaniments if you require them, for every anthem and hymn being sung in this year's festival. For each part you will also hear the other

parts and the accompaniment quietly in the background. The parts aren't sung but you will hear an instrument playing the notes so you should get a good idea of how the music goes and how it fits with the other parts. You can listen to the files directly from the website or they can be downloaded to play on a different device.

Timings for the day

Singers arrive 12.45 - 13.15
Rehearsal (including AGM) 13.30 - 16.30
Festival tea 16.30 - 17.30
Evensong (all welcome) 17.00 - 18.00
Doors open for Festival 18.30
Festival 19.00
Festival ends approx 20.30

Festival tea

The Cathedral caterer, Erior, 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 £12.50 per head and you can now buy tickets from:

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For those attending the rehearsals in Ickenham, I will bring tickets to sell for cash at the next 2 rehearsals on 23rd August and 14th September.

I am attaching a poster for the Festival, please feel free to print or share this electronically.

I will be writing again towards the end of August and requesting final numbers from choirs and individuals. Please feel free to contact me if you would like any further information.

Best regards,



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