

February Newsletter



An Exciting Opportunity - Calling all singers



We have received an invitation from Ex Cathedra to join them in their performance of Bach's St Mathew Passion at Symphony Hall on Good Friday (19th April). Members would help create a larger choir to lead the audience in singing the passion Chorales in English during the concert. Music will be provided, and members will be able to enjoy the rest of the concert free of charge.

We would aim to arrange perhaps a Saturday rehearsal to familiarise members before attending one rehearsal with Ex Cathedra on Friday 12th April at the Church of St John and St Peter in Ladywood. There will be a charge to cover costs of our own rehearsal but no other costs.

If you are interested, please email Claire.calver@gmail.com or phone 0121 458 2342 stating your voice part as soon as possible as Ex Cathedra would like an indication of numbers by

15th February.

I do hope you would like to take part in this exciting opportunity.

Claire

Christmas 2018 Update

Judith would like to say well done and thank you to everyone who made merchandise purchases at Christmas. The sales total was £308.00. Only 4 packs of cards had to be returned out of a total of 80. Extra cards were brought from the stock of a local Midlands Charities Association card shop and another £70.00 worth was sold (94% of that will go to CLIC Sargent and 6% to the MCA). So the total was 96 packs of cards sold and takings of £378.00.

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I'm sure that you'll be pleased to hear that we have negotiated a refund of £405 for the mistakes made with lighting at the Town Hall concert.

Choir Lunch



The choir gathered at the Eaton Hotel on 19th January for a splendid lunch and get-together. Elizabeth Rogers and Judith Woodcock arranged everything perfectly, even down to the table decorations and trimmings duly decorated with musical notes. A certain James Llewelyn Jones was given a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday as his appropriately decorated cake was presented to him.

A belated 'thank you' from Elizabeth and Judith to all who attended. It was an enjoyable occasion but one that was only made possible by your support!! It was good to meet with choir members and friends in the pleasant and comfortable surroundings of The Eaton Hotel. The hotel was a lovely venue –the food and service were excellent, and we received such help from the team of staff there. You gave generously to the raffle which raised £140 for choir funds.

All in all, a successful venture – thanks to everyone for making it so!!!

Librarian Support

Pat Peake has been supporting the choir and our Librarian for some time now but is passing the baton on this year. Her Mum has been a great supporter of the choir, buying the green music folders for us. As a thank you, Pat gave her Mum one of the table arrangements from the choir's lunch! We're so grateful to Pat for all the time she has devoted to the librarian role and to her Mum for her support!



Next Concert - Summer

Concert - 3.00 pm, Saturday 8th June at St John's and St Peter's Church

Darnley Road | Ladywood | Birmingham | B16 8TF

10 Tuesday rehearsals

March 19 26, April 2 9 16 30, May 7 14 21, June 4

Saturday rehearsal

1th May, 11 am - 3.30 pm at

Subscription cheques for £40 should be sent to the Secretary as soon as possible please.

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