

Friends of the Music at Emmanuel

CHRISTMAS 2020

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Dear Friends,

We are really sorry that our annual Candlelit Concerts have had to be cancelled this year because of the Tier 3 restrictions. Many people have expressed sadness, and this is the first Christmas, in 35 years, that the Choir have not presented this popular event.

We want to share Christmas music with you as best we can, so: -

PUBLIC WORSHIP IS ALLOWED UNDER TIER 3 so, with restricted Covid-safe seating we will sing the **Christmas Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** on the following dates:

Sunday December 20th at 6.30 pm
Thursday December 24th at 4.30 pm
Sunday December 27th at 6.30 pm

We hope to bring Christmas Music to as many as we can this year. In addition the **Midnight Mass** will take place as usual on 24th December: Carols from the Choir at 11.00 pm and the Service starts at 11.30 pm.

These events are all ticketed and we strongly recommend that you ask for tickets as soon as you can. They are free of charge but we are obliged to control the number of people who attend events this year. Please apply for tickets by email (rhm@emmanuelchoir.co.uk) or by telephone: 0121 354 5007 or 07941 466423

The Wylde Green Neighbourhood Forum has set up a Christmas Tree outside at the east end of Emmanuel. On Friday December 11th at 7.30 pm the Choir will sing some carols around the tree. If you would like to come along, we would like to see you. The event lasts 30 minutes and Costa Coffee are being asked to open so you can walk over with a hot coffee and mince pie... it's the best we can do for this year!

December 4th Organ Recital must be online, and we will issue a YouTube link for everyone.

Dec 4 th	Dylan McCaig	Organ Scholar at Liverpool Cathedral
Feb 5 th	Marcus Huxley	Organist Emeritus of Birmingham Cathedral
Mar 5 th	Charles Francis	Organ Scholar at Birmingham Cathedral
March 26 th	James Lancelot Canon	Organ Emeritus of Durham Cathedral
May 7 th	Angela Sones	All Saints' Four Oaks
Jun 4 th	Carl Jackson	Director of Music Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace

A particular thank you to those who purchased carol concert tickets in advance and have subsequently all turned their ticket costs into a donation. We appreciate that enormously since the Candlelit concerts provide valuable income for the Choir throughout the year- thank you very much indeed.

With every best wish,

Yours sincerely,

Richard Mason