

Friends of the Music at Emmanuel

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Dear Friends,

I think 2020 will be a year we will quietly lay aside and I hope that this annual letter, much later than usual, finds you well and safe. In my 44 years of directing the Choir I have never known such a long gap away from it. On the last Sunday of August a small group of us met together to sing for the service that morning. Since then we have sung for a morning service on alternate weeks. Now, always bearing in mind that the situation and advice can change quickly, we plan to return to our usual pattern of services.

From Sunday October 18th we have groups of our singers providing the choral music for the Eucharist and for Evensong. With a break for the half-term week we then resume on Sunday November 1st.

Sunday November 1st

At the 10.00 am Eucharist we observe All Saints and at 6 30 pm the Requiem Mass for the commemoration of All Souls (Durufle's Requiem). Names of loved ones to be remembered, can be passed to me or to any member of the Choir who can record them for inclusion.

Sunday November 8th

Today we observe Remembrance (Silence observed at the Eucharist) and appropriate music at Evensong.

The Advent Procession on Sunday November 29th at 6.30 pm

An amended Advent Procession will be held on this the first Sunday of Advent at 6.30 pm

Candlelit Carol Concerts: Saturday 12th and Saturday 19th December at 7 30 pm

Tickets are NOW ON SALE at £8 (friends at £7) with a group ticket (4 people) at £28. This is our major annual fund-raising activity and we look forward to publicising this as widely as we can. Please encourage support for this annual festive occasion. Numbers will have to be restricted so please book if at all possible.

First Friday of the Month Organ Recital Series at 1.00 pm

A new series of organ recitals starts, after a delay, in November and the new programme with all details will be available shortly.

Nov 6 th	Ashley Wagner	Assistant Organist at Birmingham Cathedral
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 25 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

I warmly invite you to renew your subscription and support this period of re-building which is the same for all our liturgical choirs that involve young voices. This is a testing time for us all and I hope you will share in as much of our music we have at Emmanuel as you can

With every best wish,

Yours sincerely,

Richard Mason