

November 2015

Here are our plans for the Diocesan Choir Festival in 2016. We shall be holding one Festival in Salisbury Cathedral on Sunday 12 June, conducted by David Halls, the Cathedral's Director of Music.

The theme of the Festival Service will be entitled *The Cloud of Witnesses* and the 2016 book contains the following music:

Hymn 'Ye watchers and ye holy ones' tune: Lasst uns erfreuen
O quam gloriosum – Tomás Luis de Victoria
Holy is the true light – William Harris
Psalm 149 – C V Stanford
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Hymn 'Give us the wings of faith' tune: San Rocco
O love the Lord – A H Mann
Ave Maria – Edward Elgar
Hymn 'Lord, you give the great commission' tune: Rustington
The souls of the righteous – David Manners

Appendix

The souls of the righteous – David Manners (reduced version)
The appendix contains a 2 stave accompaniment and single vocal line

Rehearsals

To help prepare for the Festivals, there will be a rehearsal for Choir Trainers and Organists at The Cathedral School, 1 The Close, Salisbury on Saturday 13 February from 2 – 4pm, when David Halls will go through the music in detail. There will be the usual regional rehearsals in different parts of the Diocese: at Lady St Mary Church, Wareham on Monday 9 May; at St John's Church, Devizes on Tuesday 10 May and at The Cathedral School, 1 The Close, Salisbury on Wednesday 11 May. Each rehearsal will begin at 7.30pm. Choirs are encouraged to attend one of the regional rehearsals if they can. Further details will be sent to you nearer the time. There will also be an afternoon rehearsal before each Festival Service. David King will organise some additional rehearsals in the north of the diocese, these will be publicised on the website and by email in due course.

Website

The Diocesan Website has recently been updated and the festivals can be found at:

<http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/worship/music/sdcfg/festivals>

<http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/worship/music/sdcfg/festivals/current-festivals>

and the awards details at:

<http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/worship/music/sdcfg/awards>

Don't forget our contact email addresses can be found at <http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/worship/music/sdcfg>.

Festival Books

The Festival Books are ready for distribution and at £6.00 they are excellent value. There are still copies available of Festival Books for all years from 2000 onwards (apart from 2001). The order form is on the website

Note Learning CDs

A CD with note learning tracks for each individual part as well as one with all parts on is available at a cost of £10.00. This includes all the anthems.