



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

**DIOCESE OF SALISBURY**

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN CHORAL  
FESTIVAL GROUP**

**CHOIR FESTIVAL 2016  
SALISBURY CATHEDRAL –  
SUNDAY 12 JUNE**

May 2016

Dear Choir Director, Singer or Correspondent,

We look forward very much to welcoming you at the Cathedral for the Choir Festival on 12 June and hope your choir will have a very enjoyable day. The conductor will be David Halls and the organist John Challenger.

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

TRAVEL

Parking in the Close is very restricted, so if your singers are coming by car, please ask them to use one of the car parks in the City, which are within five to ten minutes walk of the Cathedral e.g. Brown Street and the Central Car Park (short stay section) & Lush House (in Crane Street) (max. 3 hours 8.00am to 6.00pm) on Sundays. Central Car Park (long stay section) on Sundays. Please note that Culver Street is closed on Sundays.

If you are coming by coach and the driver approaches the Close by the ring road, he can let you alight in Exeter Street, and you can enter the Close by St. Ann's Gate. If you plan to come by minibus or if any of your choir is disabled, please ring me and special arrangements will be made.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY & PROCEDURES

The Salisbury Diocesan Choral Festival Group does not tolerate the abuse of children or vulnerable adults at its events. It is the responsibility of those bringing children or vulnerable adults to rehearsals and festivals to ensure that the appropriate arrangements, including CRB clearances, are in place to ensure their safety. It should be remembered that these are events taking place in public places from which the general public is not excluded.

FIRST AID FACILITIES

We are hoping once again that one or two qualified first aiders might be attending the Cathedral Festival Service from amongst our own members. Please could you indicate on the slip below should a member of your choir or congregation be able to help.

## TIMETABLE

2.00-2.30	Choirs arrive <b>&amp; register at welcome desk in south transept</b>
2.40	Procession from cloisters
3.00-4.30	Rehearsal - <b>it is imperative that all singers attend the afternoon rehearsal.</b>
4.30-5.30	Tea Break-please bring your own tea or use the refectory
5.40	Procession from cloisters
6:00	Service

## THE CLOISTERS

Please make your way to the Cloisters let me know when you have arrived and then find a space for your choir to robe, the areas will be indicated by large signs. We are somewhat restricted for space because access to the Refectory, to the loos, and to the Chapter House has to be kept clear. For the procession Trebles, Sopranos and Altos will be in the West Walk clear of the Visitor Entrance and part of the South Walk and will enter the Cathedral by the Consistory Court door. Tenors and Basses will be in the South Walk beyond the Chapter House and will enter the Cathedral via the South Transept. Please ask your choirs to keep away from any building works or other equipment; the Chapter cannot be responsible for any accidents.

## SECURITY

Please keep your possessions to the minimum and keep your handbag or wallet with you at all times. Do not leave anything of value in the Cloisters or even on chairs in the Cathedral. We will do our best to man the Cloisters during the rehearsal and the Service, but neither the Chapter nor the Diocesan Choral Festival Group can accept responsibility for any losses. Stewards are needed to supervise the Cloisters from 2.30pm until the end of the Service, but we must make the point that if we cannot get non-singing volunteers to Steward the Cloisters during the rehearsal and Service then the area will be insecure. If you or any of your church members can help, please contact me.

## COLLECTIONS

We rely very much on the collections to help cover the costs of each Festival, and we would be very grateful if you could remind your choir that a collection will be taken from the singers at the end of the rehearsal. There will also be a retiring collection for the congregation at the end of the Service.

## CLERGY

On behalf of the Dean & Chapter, please could I ask you to invite your clergy or minister to come with you to the Festival. Please could you indicate on the slip below as to whether they would be robing for the Service.

## CONGREGATION

Do tell your friends and families and other parishioners about the Festival and encourage them to come to the Service.

## BOOKS

If by any chance you haven't ordered books yet these, and back numbers, are available from David King.

**Finally, and this is VERY IMPORTANT, we need to know how many singers to expect on 12 June. Could you therefore please fill in the form and return it to me by Saturday 4 June.**

With very many thanks and all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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From:

Name of Choir:

The following numbers of singers expect to attend the Festival:

Boy/Girl Trebles.....Sopranos.....Altos.....Tenors.....Basses.....

First Aider (Name & Phone No) .....

Clergy/Minister attending Yes/No ..... Willing to robe Yes/No.....

Name and contact address of Clergy/Minister .  
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Signed.....