

**Salisbury Cathedral Sunday 11 October**

November 2014

We shall be holding one Festival in Salisbury Cathedral on 11 October, conducted by David Halls, the Cathedral's Director of Music. It has not been possible to arrange a date in June or early July for a Festival Service in the Cathedral due to other Cathedral engagements and it has therefore been decided to forgo the usual area festivals for 2015 and encourage everyone to attend the Cathedral Festival on 11 October.

The theme of the Festival Service will be entitled *Church, State, Freedom* and will celebrate the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of Magna Carta. Salisbury Cathedral is one of only three places where an original Magna Carta exists. The 2015 book contains the following music:

*Hymn 'Thy hand, O God, has guided' – tune 'Thornbury'*

Te Deum laudamus in B flat – C. Villiers Stanford

*Hymn 'O God of earth and altar' – tune 'King's Lynn'*

Psalm 137 verses 1-6 – chant Craig S. Lang

Psalm 138 – chant C. Musgrove

Anthem 'The Beatitudes' – William Llewellyn

*Hymn 'Take my life' – tune 'Nottingham'*

Anthem 'A prayer for peace' – Henry G. Ley

Prayer 'Veni Sancte Spiritus' – Taizé

Jubilate in B flat – C. Villiers Stanford

*Hymn 'Lord for the years' – tune 'Lord of the years'*

**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 14 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 St John's Church, Devizes on Tuesday 8 September, at Lady St Mary Church, Wareham on Tuesday 8 September and at Bemerton Methodist Church, Salisbury on Wednesday 9 September. 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 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**

In view of the difficulties experienced in recent years in financing the Festival Service Books, and in accordance with the decision made last year by the Festival Group, arrangements have been made with our sister organisation for the Bath & Wells Diocese to produce a joint Festival Service Book, thus sharing the production costs and securing significant savings which have enabled us to keep the book price unchanged for 2015.

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). Do please contact David King, Treasurer, if you require any of these.

### **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 and the hymn descant.

### **Bishop's and Dean's Chorister Awards**

An examination session will take place on Saturday 14 February (am only) in Salisbury **entries must be received by Monday 5 January 2015**. Further sessions will be held on Saturday 16 May and Saturday 19 September 2015 details of closing dates are on the website.

### **Orders**

If you would like to attend the Festival and/or wish to order some Festival Books, please would you complete the downloadable form and return it as instructed. Cheques should be made payable to 'Salisbury Diocesan Choral Festival Group', written out in full and enclosed with your order.

**Please remember that only a small quantity of single books are going to be available at the Choir Trainers Rehearsal.**

All choirs and singers are invited to take part in the Festival and robed and unrobed choirs are equally welcome

Yours sincerely

Roger Bishton

Hon Secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Choral Festival Group