



Welcome and a very Happy New Year.

As 2018 draws to a close we can take a few moments to reflect on a successful first term of the 2018-19 season.

JS Bach's Christmas Oratorio was performed in that local jewel, Wimborne Minster and was very well received. At one point, following our Tutti rehearsal in the afternoon, we really thought we had excelled ourselves with the quality of the singing. As we left the Minster for a short break we were greeted by an extremely loud musket salute. Sadly, t'was not us they were saluting but all part of the Wimborne Christmas Lights Switch On.

In December we performed Handel's Messiah, a regular work in our annual concert cycle at the wonderful Priory in Christchurch. We performed, in candlelight, to a capacity audience. It was a very special evening and comments from appreciative audience members were gratefully received.

"My husband and I thoroughly enjoyed the superb Handel's Messiah last night at the Priory."

"My wife and I were very very impressed and so enjoyed the evening-thank you."

"We were absolutely enthralled by your performance at the Priory."

December finished with a Carol concert in St Luke's Church, Winton, Bournemouth. We were joined by children from local Primary schools and, despite appalling weather, the Church was positively aglow with over 63 Christmas trees, mulled wine, mince pies and plenty of music making.

The Choir strives to offer concert opportunities to young soloists who are just beginning their

2019 Concert Dates

Saturday 16th March 7.30p.m. The Priory, Christchurch
Purcell. Hail! Bright Cecilia
Handel. Dixit Dominus

Saturday 15th June 7.30p.m. The Priory, Christchurch
Handel Coronation Anthems
Pergolesi Magnificat Bach Cantata No.51: "Jauchzet Gott" Handel
Eternal Source of Light Divine
Let the bright Seraphim

Saturday 9th November 7.30p.m. Wimborne Minster
Programme to be announced

Saturday 14th December at 7.30p.m. The Priory, Christchurch
The Messiah

professional singing careers. Musical Director, Tim Hooper takes time and trouble to seek out those who can fulfill an engagement whilst also giving opportunities to perform with established international singers.

The challenge of producing high quality concerts within a defined budget continues to be a top priority for the Choir committee. We are delighted that financial sponsorship has been offered this year by the Foresters Friendly Society. (See right, our Choir secretary receiving the sponsorship cheque from The Foresters Friendly Society). Our second sponsor, Tappers Funeral Services has supported us for several years. We are very grateful to them both.

Help like this allows us to continue offering high quality musical concerts to our local communities.

None of this is possible without our loyal concert goers, and to you, we say a heartfelt thank you.

In addition to our regular concerts we have several social events annually. You are very welcome to join members of the choir, family and friends. Every penny raised goes into choir coffers to continue to support our concert making.

Our next social event is the Bach Choir Annual Quiz. This will take place on Friday 8th February 7p.m. for 7.30p.m. at Southbourne Bowls Club, Seafield Gardens, Guildhill Road, Southbourne, BH6 3EX. Full bar facilities. Raffle. £12.50 p.p. to include a hot supper. 50 tickets only. We'd love to see you. For further information please contact the membership secretary, Mary Fielding – mary.fielding@ntlworld.com

One further way to support the choir is to join The Friends of Bournemouth Bach Choir. The Friends' secretary is David Way – davway20@gmail.com who can provide you with further details.



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