



## ELTHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

### Newsletter – November / December 2011

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Christmas is fast approaching and so is our Christmas Concert (surprisingly). We have a busy year ahead of us including our Easter Concert, Rhineland Tour and Composition Competition, on top of 'The Armed Man' by Jenkins! But for now, here is some information on the events of the near future – the Christmas Concert, Christmas Party and the Rhineland Tour. If you have any questions, do speak to your section representatives (S – Jo Richardson, A – Annabet Chapman, T- Mike McQuillan and B – Mario Pinto) or a member of the committee. Happy reading!

#### **Autumn Concert**

Well done everyone for a great performance of Mozart's Requiem – with only a few weeks of rehearsal and an accompanist who was SIGHT READING (a big thank you to Evelyn Tinker who came in at very short notice), it was very successful. We did need to make a small subsidy on the concert, as expected, but we were pleased that everyone, including those who 'came and sang' enjoyed themselves!

#### **Christmas Concert**

Our concert this year is on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30. Everyone who is singing in the concert needs to arrive for the rehearsal at Holy Trinity Church at 12:30 so that the baton can go down at 1.00. The rehearsal is then due to finish at 4.00. Everyone then needs to be back at the church for 7.15 to make a prompt start at 7.30. The venue for the concert is Holy Trinity Church in Southend Crescent, Eltham. The principal pieces this season are Finzi's 'Magnificat' and Vaughan Williams' 'Fantasia on Christmas Carols', as well as a selection of carols from Carols for Choirs, books one and two. Please note that folders are required at the concert. If you need a folder then they are available from John King at rehearsals.

#### **Concert Dress**

For Women: All black - black top, long or three-quarter sleeves, ankle-length black skirt or trousers, black shoes, black tights.

For Men: DJ, white shirt and any PLAIN coloured bow-tie.

### **Christmas Party**

Sonia has very kindly offered to hold this year's Christmas Party at her house immediately after the Christmas Concert. Her address is 36 Southend Crescent, Eltham, London SE9 2SB and is located directly across the road from Holy Trinity, just up the hill towards Eltham High Street. Any family and friends who attended the concert are welcome to the party as well. Those of you who plan to come are asked to contribute food and drink (refreshments should be given to Sonia before or after the rehearsal). We hope to see you there!

### **Eltham Lights Up**

A big thank you to everyone who came to sing carols inside the Eltham Centre last week at Eltham Lights Up (although the main attraction had finished prior to our performance...). We were well received by the public and the management at the Eltham Centre alike, and have been "pencilled in" for another possible performance later this year over the Christmas period.

### **Carol Singing**

ECS are scheduled to go carol singing in Passey Place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December between 11.00 and 12.00, with all proceeds going to Demelza – more details to follow.

### **Easter Concert**

Next year's Easter concert takes place on 24 March 2012 at 19.30 at Holy Trinity, Southend Crescent. The programme consists of Dvořák's 'Mass in D' and Elgar's 'From the Bavarian Highlands'. These pieces also constitute our Rhineland Tour music.

### **Rhineland Tour**

Tony has asked everyone that is coming on the Rhineland Tour to pay the rest of the fee for the trip by February next year, which should amount to about £230 (plus supplements for anyone requiring a single room). You needn't pay in February – Tony would be only too happy to receive money before Christmas!

For those of you who are not coming on the tour, it is still not too late to join – see Tony for more details.

### **The Pamper**

Pam is still looking for foodstuffs to put in her hamper this Christmas, so please bring in some non-perishable items to donate!

### **Raffle and Tea Rota**

As ever, we need people to sign up for the raffle and tea rota in the break during our rehearsals. We need two, if not three people each week to serve the refreshments and just one person to sell raffle tickets. Please see the tea rota signup sheet at the back of the church to see when your voice section is down for the tea rota.

### **Key Dates**

- 🎵 08/12/11 – Last rehearsal of Christmas term
- 🎵 10/12/11 – Christmas Concert at Holy Trinity – rehearsal 1.00-4.00, concert 7.30
- 🎵 17/12/11 – Carol singing in Passey Place – 11.00-12.00
- 🎵 05/01/12 – First rehearsal of Spring term

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