



Spring

February 21 2020

Dear Friend of WCS

It is somewhat late but, as this is the first communication of the year, I will take the opportunity to say that, despite somewhat inclement weather, I hope 2020 has been reasonable to date and continues so to be.

*WCS has been rehearsing **Rachmaninov's All Night Vigil** which is soooooo beautiful – it touches the soul. Processing the Church Slavonic has been interesting but we have had help with pronunciation and have just to keep practicing.*

*We are singing in **Southwark Cathedral** on **March 21**. The sonority of Russian music seems to demand the environs of a church or cathedral so the deepest notes can ascend to the rafters and echo around the apse. Tickets:*

<http://www.wimbledon-choral.org.uk/>:

21	Rachmaninov : All-Night Vigil
Mar	Southwark Cathedral
2020	Book here

*The Concert is arranged by WCS so, as per my last letter, Friends may reserve seats for themselves and accompanying guests. **Please remember** – this will **only** work if you email/phone me (as far in advance as you can please) to say how many tickets you have & in which part of the church. As ever, there is no guarantee that precise wishes can be granted - but we do our best.*

*Before the Rachmaninov we have a day of music to offer **free of charge!** Merton Songsters are coming together to sing throughout **Saturday February 29 at St John's Spencer Hill, Wimbledon. Please come.** Hear WCS start the day (at 1100), or drop in at any time, and stay long as you are able. Refreshments are available at all times. Members of WCS and others will sing with the Big Heart Band to close the event (with audience involvement) at around 1630. It is great **fun. Come and join us and many others.***

Kind Regards