



## **Pre-Christmas**

**December 16 2019**

### **Dear Friend of WCS**

*I hope all who attended our Carol Concerts on Saturday enjoyed the music, joined in & managed the "stands and sits" for the **Twelve Days of Christmas**. Love finishing with that piece!*

*It is the first time that there have been **two** Carol Concerts since I joined WCS some 11 years ago. The involvement of our audiences, & atmosphere, made it a wonderfully enjoyable day – the music, the small voice from the back at the matinee requesting an instant rendition of Jingle Bells, us trying to remember the stands and sits - & more!!*

*After **Christmas** we rehearse **Rachmaninov's All Night Vigil** to perform, in the evocative setting of Southwark Cathedral, on March 21. We sang the **Bogoreditse Devo** from it Saturday - beautiful.*

*The Southwark Concert is arranged by WCS so Friends may reserve seats. email/phone me (as far in advance as possible please) to say how many tickets you have bought & where you prefer to sit. As ever, there is no guarantee that your wish will be granted - but we do our best.*

*A warm welcome to new Friends & thanks to all who returned Friendship Forms earlier this year. If you have not so done (& wish to remain a Friend of WCS) please may I ask you to take this step before Christmas? If any, on receipt of this letter, wish to be removed as a Friend please advise & I will, with regret & thanks, amend our records.*

*We are raising funds to support our professional recording of **Cecilia McDowall's da Vinci Requiem**. Jewellery & Christmas decorations have been made & sold alongside homemade jam & cakes. Raffles have been held (one for a stunning quilt). If you bought a Calendar at the Concert you may not only recognize familiar faces during the year but have made an appreciated contribution to said recording.*

**Thank you. Merry Christmas. Happy New Year. Happy New Decade.**

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