



November 21 2023

Dear Friend of Wimbledon Choral

Thank you to all who came to hear the Verdi Requiem at Holy Trinity Sloane Square on Saturday. It was absolutely wonderful to sing to a full house and the level of approbation at the end was hugely appreciated. Was it not brilliant? Verdi's music? The soloists who did a fabulous job in what must have been harrowing circumstances for them? The pianists (one of them, of course, Michael), organist and percussionist? And making it all happen as it should – Neil. The sound was different from that with a full orchestra but – hopefully – no less enjoyable. The retiring collection raised some £3000 thanks to the generosity of audience and choir.

Monday, we started to prepare for Christmas. There will be two Concerts – 1500 and 1800 – at St Paul's Southfields on December 16. Tickets are available at www.wimbledon-choral.org.uk. When asked if you are a Member of the Friends of WCS please say yes.

Once you have bought tickets, please let me know for which Concert; how many tickets; whether you prefer left or right of central aisle, front, further back, etc so seats can be reserved. Every effort is made to accommodate seating preferences but this cannot be guaranteed. When you arrive at the Concert, please tell the Ushers that you are a Member of the Friends and look for your names on seats in the area you indicated. Please, also, at Concert end would you leave your name labels behind for use at the next Concert? Many thanks.

If you have not yet renewed your Friendship of the Choir this can be done by sending a cheque (£30.00 per Friend/£50 per Couple payable to Wimbledon Choral) to the above address or paying directly to Santander (A/c 27249400 Sort 09-01-51). If you are leaving Friends of WCS you will be missed and thank you for your support until now. Whatever action you are taking in this regard please let me know?

See you on December 16 - ready to sing as well as listen. It will be great fun. In case there is no other opportunity – Merry Christmas and the happiest possible New Year.

Kind Regards.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Colleen', written in a cursive style.

Friends' Secretary