



December 16 2020

Dear Friend of WCS

How sad it is not to have seen any of you for a whole year. Even Friends who are in the Choir have not met in person since March.

It remains my continuing hope that all of you have remained well and healthy during our continuing months of being unable to meet.

*It was never likely that we would be able to celebrate Christmas by gathering to sing Carols, old and new, to have Neil direct us in the Twelve Days as we endeavour to recall when to stand and when to sit, and to be able to wish each other a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** – in Person!*

Neil, Michael and the WCS Committee have worked tirelessly to bring us together on zoom and even, for a few magical weeks, in reality. We returned to St Mark's divided into 4 groups spread across voice parts so that we could sit a suitable distance apart. The words to express how wonderful it was to singing, with others, escape me at present.

Rehearsing on zoom is better than not rehearsing but there are limitations to singing, on mute, in one's home where only the cats (or those who might prefer not to catch the occasional strangled top note) can hear voices not used for too long and not used to singing without others providing vocal support.

When a live Concert date is known I will immediately inundate you with relevant information and urge you to join us if you possibly can. We have missed singing and we have missed the joy of singing to you – our faithful supporters.

Thanks to the sterling efforts of Neil, Michael & perhaps some "backroom boys" we have recorded some Christmas Music (arranged by Michael) which will be available to hear next week. If you check www.wimbedon-choral.org.uk you will find a link.

*I hope you remain well and enjoy Christmas - albeit differently. Thank you for your ongoing support. **Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Normal 2021 when, hopefully, we will be able to meet.***

Kind Regards