

## June 2016



### ***Dear Friend of Wimbledon Choral Society***

Thank you to all who attendend our **Ikons** Concert on June 11 at St John's Waterloo; we hope that you enjoyed the music as much as we did. It was wonderful to play to a full house, the Church Slavonic seemed to work successfully and the Piano and Cello duet was amazing as I am sure you would agree.

I hope that we correctly acommodated all Friends who attended. If any names were incorrecr my apologies. If tickets are bought via a Choir member, or online, I fear it is not always clear who the Friend is and how many accompanyg persons there are. If an entire group was seated under one name hopefully that did not cause too much confusion.

Please find below a message from Sarah Hendry, our Chairman, who has brought her first season in post to such a successeful conclusion:

*"I wanted to thank you all very much indeed for your generous support to Wimbledon Choral Society this season. It makes a big difference both financially and in morale terms to have such a loyal group of Friends. I hope that you have enjoyed the 2015-16 season and have been able to come along regularly to hear us sing. We've certainly had a marvellous time rehearsing and performing, and whilst it's great to have a break over the summer, September and the new season can never come quickly enough!*

*We've another super programme for you next season, ranging from Maurice Duruflé and Louis Vierne, through Monteverdi, to British anthems. Christmas will see us performing a brand new carol commissioned by WCS from the Scottish composer Chris Hutchings. And beyond our core programme there are other exciting events! If you'd like to hear our "Ikons" programme again, or if you missed it first time, we'll be performing it in the Brandenburg Choral Festival in September. We are going on tour in May to Talinn, Estonia. And we finish the season with a special concert with the Band of the Royal British Legion in July. I do hope to see you at some (or preferably all!) of these concerts.*

*Even more excitingly, we are on the point of signing the contract on our Centenary commission: a major work to mark WCS's 1st 100 years, using the funds raised during the centenary year. Watch this space for more news on this in September!"*

We have had a great year performing demanding but wonderful pieces – here is to our next Season. All Best Wishes from me for an enjoyable Summer and I look forward to being back in contact in September.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen'.

Colleen Spalding, Friends of Wimbledon Choral Society