

## **29th November - final Wednesday rehearsal at Stowmarket URC**

**An early arrival (7pm)** for all choir members as we take our on-stage performance positions before the rehearsal starts. Thank you.

Staging and choir seating positions will be arranged by Terry (Stage Manager) with the voice reps, according to Will Baldry's directions.

## **2nd December Concert Day Briefing**

Many thanks to everyone who is working on the practical preparations for concert day.

As we look forward to our concert, here are the essential notes:

### Audience booking - selling tickets

With just a few days left, please continue to promote our concert as widely as you can by **distributing remaining flyers** and **cajoling your contacts** to be in our audience!

**Please let us know** about any family, friends, neighbours etc. who are coming (not the Early Birds already booked in) even if they're going to pay on the door. This will help with event planning, refreshment supplies etc and congestion management in the foyer on the night. [info@stowmarketchorale.org.uk](mailto:info@stowmarketchorale.org.uk)

### Interval refreshments

Choir members are traditionally asked to provide mince pies, however this year, **Kim will be asking members for a £1 contribution towards them.**

Mince pies will be served with '*Chorale Reviver*' (ie 0% winter punch) & soft drinks in the interval.

### Christmas Craft & Produce stalls

Rosemary Humphries has offered to coordinate the craft and produce stall, please bring anything you're offering for sale. This was a popular and fun element last year! More helpers will be needed; I know Rosemary will appreciate your support as she already has a key role in the Front of House reception team. [rosemary@rosemaryhumphries.co.uk](mailto:rosemary@rosemaryhumphries.co.uk)

### Concert day rehearsal at the URC:

**2.45pm** Arrive at Stowmarket URC

**3.00** Choir to be seated on stage

**3.15 - 5.30** Rehearsal (with break, please bring your own mug)

**5.30** Break for packed tea

**6.30** Doors open & audience begins to arrive - **Reception & Front of House team** in the foyer. **Any additional support from choir members would make a difference!** Raffle tickets will be on sale for the Christmas hampers and concert programmes.

To offer help, contact Aileen 07972 668180

**6.50** Line up in the hall with ESM book (separate) & black folder containing Mozart, McDowall & Christmas Music.

[Place black folder under your concert chair and swap with ESM book after the Buxtehude.]

**7.00** Concert

First half:

Welcome and housekeeping - Maggie

Buxtehude: Magnificat

SIT - a spoken introduction to the Mozart mass - Maggie

Mozart: Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus

SIT - organ solo

Mozart: Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei

Interval

Maggie will invite the audience to **FOLLOW the choir to the hall** for refreshments. Notice about advance ticket offer for March concert!

**Please help with hosting by serving drinks, selling raffle tickets and taking a turn on the craft/produce stall.**

Second half:

Joy the World (with audience)

McDowall: Christus Natus Est

It came upon the midnight clear (with audience)

SIT – organ solo

Carter: A maiden most gentle

Gardner: Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

SIT - Raffle Draw

O come, all ye faithful (with audience) **NB verse 3 is CUT**

Afternoon break

Hot drinks and biscuits will be available for choir members during the afternoon.

Please remember to bring:

Your own cup with packed tea and snacks.

After the concert: please do stay behind to help clear up and take advantage of left over mince pies & drinks!

**Hire vocal scores: please return Mozart, McDowall & Christmas Music scores to Joe and Janice. *Please note it is your responsibility to return the music to Joe, if for any reason you don't hand it back on concert day.***

CONCERT ATTIRE

Upper Voices: Long black + elements of gold & silver, sheen & shimmer: ie black top/dress with long sleeves, black trousers/black skirt, black tights & black shoes. Please bring your black folders.

Lower Voices: Black shirt, (open neck or bow tie), black trousers, black socks & black shoes. Please bring your black folders. Gold & silver sequins optional...

All: Please refrain from wearing perfume/aftershave as it can cause breathing and respiratory difficulties.

With best wishes,

Maggie

**Checklist:**

**Black folder and music - Mozart, McDowall, ESM, Christmas Music**

**Black concert dress & shoes**

**Packed tea and your mug**

**Items for the Craft/Christmas Produce Stall**