



Concert Diary 2018–19

Saturday 20 October 2018

St Saviour's Church

Sax and the City

Works for choir and saxophone including Richard Sisson – Pied Beauty, Ian Stephens – Timepieces and Will Todd – Songs of Love

Saturday 8 December 2018

St Peter's Church

A Renaissance Christmas

Polychoral pieces from 16th and 17th century Europe featuring Cipriano de Rore's seven-part Missa Praeter rerum serium with works by Josquin des Prez, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Giovanni Gabrieli, Michael Praetorius and Samuel Scheidt

Saturday 16 February 2019

St Saviour's Church

Mystic Voices

The choir's Sixtieth Anniversary Commission from Alexander L'Estrange setting texts from The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran paired with Sergei Rachmaninoff's 1910 setting of the modern Byzantine Eucharist service: Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

Saturday 27 April 2019

St Albans Cathedral

Golden Jubilee Celebrations

with Wormser Kantorei

*Mozart – Krönungsmesse (Coronation Mass)
Vaughan Williams – Dona nobis pacem
Handel – Zadok the Priest*



Saturday 29 June 2019

St Saviour's Church

Peace of Versailles

Francis Poulenc's masterpiece for double choir Figure humaine composed in 1943 during the occupation of France with Ildebrando Pizzetti's Messa di requiem (1922) and Darius Milhaud's Cantate de la paix (1937)

All concerts start at 7.30pm

Concert details correct at time of going to press. Please see our website for more details.

Several significant anniversaries are celebrated during our 2018-19 concert season

In October, we present a concert of contemporary works for choir and saxophone including pieces by our President, Will Todd. This concert is followed by a feast of polychoral Renaissance Christmas music in December.

The **sixtieth anniversary of the formation of the choir** is marked in February with a special commission from renowned local composer Alexander L'Estrange and a seldom-performed unaccompanied work by Rachmaninoff.

The concert in April, celebrating the **fiftieth anniversary of our association with the Wormser Kantorei**, features works by composers from both the UK and Germany.

In June, music on the theme of war and peace commemorates the **100th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles** on 28 June 1919.

We look forward to welcoming you at our concerts, which are generally followed by a social get-together, with drinks and party nibbles provided by the choir members

Tickets & booking

£15 (£5 child/student)

Tel 07570 454744; email tickets@stalbanschamberchoir.org.uk; or book online directly at www.ticketsource.co.uk (also accessible via our own website).

Since its debut in 1958, **St Albans Chamber Choir** has established itself as a major contributor to the musical life of the St Albans area and further afield, delighting audiences with innovative programming of music from the last six centuries. This extensive repertoire, and *a cappella* performances, are the choir's hallmarks, and under the direction of its inspirational Musical Director, **John Gibbons**, the choir continues to explore new repertoire, including new commissions from contemporary composers such as Jonathan Rathbone and Tarik O'Regan.



St Albans Chamber Choir would love to hear from you!

- ◆ To join our **Friends** scheme and receive priority bookings at a discount, tel 07913 067627 or email friends@stalbanschamberchoir.org.uk
- ◆ To join our free **emailing list**, email mailinglist@stalbanschamberchoir.org.uk
- ◆ To become a **sponsor** of one of Hertfordshire's premier musical societies, email sponsorship@stalbanschamberchoir.org.uk
- ◆ To **advertise** in our programmes and reach a key local audience, email advertising@stalbanschamberchoir.org.uk

We are always pleased to hear from potential **new members**. Why not contact the Secretary for an informal chat and arrange to come along to one of our Tuesday evening rehearsals? Reduced rate choir places are available to young singers. tel 07502 612722 or email secretary@stalbanschamberchoir.org.uk

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