



encouraging choral music in worship

April 2025

Festival of Church Music at Coventry Cathedral

Saturday 11th October 2025

Dear Friends

Further to my last letter I am now able to attach a schedule of local rehearsals that Peter Williams will be holding. It is important that everyone attends one of these rehearsals in addition to the final rehearsal in the afternoon of the festival day. If any further dates are added, the schedule will be updated on the website and I'll include in further letters.

I expect most of you have already ordered anthem books but if not please use the order form attached to this letter, it is also available on our website. Books cost £13.50 per book which includes postage or £12 if collected from:-

Adrian Prisk, 15 Parklands, Great Linford MK14 5DZ,

Tel: 01908 605815; Email aprisk@doctors.org.uk

You may remember that ahead of the last festival we arranged for audio files of the singing parts to be available free of charge. We received feedback that they were helpful to singers so we have produced them again for the Coventry festival, they can be found on the homepage of the FCC website under Latest Updates/song parts

<https://www.freechurchchoirs.org.uk/index.html>

You will find a series of MP3 format files for each part (Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass) for every anthem being sung in this year's festival. For each part you will also hear the other parts and the accompaniment quietly in the background. The parts aren't sung but you will hear an instrument playing the notes so you should get a good idea of how the music goes and how it fits with the other parts. You can listen to the files directly from the website or they can be downloaded to play on a different device.

The festival tea will be provided by local caterers and served inside the Cathedral after the afternoon rehearsal. It will consist of sandwiches, savories, traybakes, scones plus tea/coffee for a price of £12.75. Once the tea tickets are available I will advise how to book and pay for them.

I have again included a recruitment poster to help encourage more signers to join us, I'll be very happy to receive email enquiries.

Please contact me if you would like any further information.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'April', with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

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