

DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMEMBRANCE CONCERT WEEKEND

1. All singers will be split between downstairs and the balcony. Singers in the balcony (apart from St Peter's Girls) will sit for the Pie Jesu of the Fauré; downstairs singers will remain standing throughout the Fauré. Both parts of the choir will sit for the first three movements of the Beethoven and stand for the fourth movement. Each choir will be allocated seats downstairs / upstairs / both. **Please can you let me know as soon as possible if any of your singers (and which voice – SATB):**
 - a. **Either: Can get up the steep steps to the balcony and would prefer to be there so that they can definitely sit for the Pie Jesu.**
 - b. **Or: Are unable to get up the steps to the balcony and so must be downstairs. If these singers will need to sit for the Pie Jesu (or the option to sit at any time) then we suggest that they bring a stool with them (rather than a chair). (We have a few stools if you don't have one available – please let us know if you need one - first come first served!).**

2. A photographer will be taking pictures during the rehearsal and concert for use in future publicity material.
3. **Thursday 8th November rehearsal: Cranmer Methodist Church, Newhampton Road West, Wolverhampton WV6 0RS. Choirs: 7.45 – 9.15pm.**

Parking at the church itself is limited but there is plenty of on street parking nearby. You may wish to allow a few extra minutes for parking. Toilet facilities at the church are limited.

5. **Saturday 10th November rehearsal: Rehearsal in St Matthew's Church, Walsall, WS1 3DG. Please assemble in Blue Coat Academy at 2.30pm.**

Parking is available in the car parks at Blue Coat Academy, Birmingham Street, Walsall, WS1 2ND. Please could singers arrive at Blue Coat Academy for 2.30pm? Beate Bachmann, Vocal Coach with Jena University Choir, will lead the vocal warm-up at 2.35pm. At 2.45pm the choir will move over to their seats in church, ready for the rehearsal with the orchestra to start at 3.00pm. We realise this means arriving half an hour sooner than previously notified and hope this doesn't cause a problem. Obviously, if any singers have significant mobility problems, they should come straight to church for the rehearsal.

The school will be staffed (or locked) throughout the rehearsal and concert and so any bulky personal items can be left there (ie. please bring the minimum possible over to church). Toilet facilities in the church are limited so please use the facilities in Blue Coat Academy before moving over to church. Security guards will patrol the car parks throughout the rehearsal and concert.

6. **Sunday 11th November Concert: St Matthew's Church, Walsall, WS1 3DG. Please be ready in Blue Coat Academy by 2.30pm.**

As with the rehearsal, parking is available at Blue Coat Academy, Birmingham Street, Walsall, WS1 2ND. Please be ready, changed and use the toilet facilities at Blue Coat Academy by 2.30pm. Beate will lead the vocal warm-up at 2.35pm. At 2.45pm the choir will move over to church, taking the minimum of personal belongings with you.

Usual concert dress

Poppies: Personal decision for each choir member.

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