

Vivace Newsletter

Edition 20

Rehearsal arrangements for Wednesday 3rd March

- Venue: St Mary the Virgin Church, Pirton
- Time: arrive 7-7.15pm to get choir chairs out of storage for a 7:30pm start
finish at 9:30pm as usual (chairs can be left in position for Saturday)
- Parking: car-share if possible; park in Crabtree Lane (pavement side) or in the
drive of the Vicarage
- Seating: concert position
- Tickets: will be available from Karen – it is advisable to pre-book; £8, £5
teenagers, free for children BUT THEY MUST HAVE A TICKET
- How to get there: see maps on last page

Rehearsal and concert arrangements for Saturday 6th March

- Rehearsal at church: arrive 11-11:15am for an 11:30am start
full choir expected to finish by 1:00pm; small madrigal group
by 1:30pm; James rehearsing at 1:30pm
- Concert: arrive at 7:00pm for warm-up
- Concert dress: all black (skirts or trousers for women) with Vivace
buttonholes & black folders (provided but **must be returned** at
end of concert)
- Raffle: a selection of prizes required from the soprano section (but not
all sopranos – Rachel to organise!)
- End of concert: please stay behind for a few minutes to return the (choir) chairs
to the storage cupboard
- Music: (message from Karen)

“Will everyone who has a library copy of the Vivaldi please place it in one of the boxes provided before leaving the church on Saturday evening. For those of you who have arranged to have a copy for the Albert Hall event in May, please hand it in for now anyway so I can ensure we have a complete set. I know who you are (!) and will make sure you get the same copy back. If you forget to hand in your music and will not be at the rehearsal the following Wednesday, you will need to get it to me by some means by Thursday 11 March at the latest, as the scores are due back at the county library by the start of the following week.”

Buttonholes

Before the last concert we ordered 20 more buttonholes – this was thought to be enough for the new members and to give us at least a dozen spare for the future. We only have 4 left! We didn't have 16 new choir members at Christmas so we assume that people borrowed a buttonhole for some reason but we now possibly don't have enough for this term's new members. If you borrowed a buttonhole for the last concert, can you return it please? If you bought one to replace an old one that maybe needed repairing, please bring the old one back – we have tape to repair them. The person who makes these buttonholes does it as a favour to the choir and is not, in fact, a florist any longer so it really is a special effort and we don't think we can ask her again so soon. We have had about 70 buttonholes made in total and there are only 43 people in the choir – we have lost a few people but we think there must be some buttonhole holders out there too! The 4 remaining buttonholes will be available for new people at a cost of £2 each. Don't worry if you don't manage to get one for this concert.

Next rehearsal

There is NO BREAK between this concert and the first rehearsal for the next one so please come to rehearsal in Arlesey as usual on **Wednesday 10th March**. We shall be starting our programme of 19th century Romantic music for our Hitchin Festival concert on **Saturday 10th July**. There will be new music to give out so please try to arrive slightly early to allow time for this. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

If you have friends who are thinking of joining, please try to encourage them to come early in the term or they may not be ready to take part in the next concert.

Term dates

Last rehearsal this term is Wednesday 24th March. First rehearsal after the Easter break is Wednesday 21st April. Choir subs due on first day back after Easter.

Future concerts

Saturday 10 th July 2010	Christ Church, Hitchin
Saturday 27 th November 2010	Arlesey Village Hall
Saturday 12 th March 2011	Welwyn Garden City Free Church

Please put these dates in your diary.

Thank you all for your patience this term and enjoy the concert!

St Mary the Virgin Church, Crabtree Lane, Pirton, SG5 3QE

