

07.10.24, Monday Mail

Good morning, all,

A warm welcome back to the tour group after their fabulous fortnight in Portugal and Spain - and an equally warm welcome back to those of us who supported the travellers from afar! It's the first Monday in October, so that means that at last we'll all be rehearsing together again tomorrow, **Tuesday evening at 6.30pm, Queen Alexandra Home, Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo**. Please aim to arrive a few minutes early, because we need to collect the music for our next concert.

A message from Debra:

It is great to be back from our Portugal-Spain tour. We had some fabulous concerts in beautiful acoustics but it is now time to turn our attention to our Christmas program. I am really looking forward to seeing those that didn't come on tour (as well as those that have returned) in our first rehearsal on Tuesday October 8th. The centrepieces for this program will be Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols for SATB choir and harp. We will be adding Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carols to the Britten and some other smaller Christmas pieces. The venue is St Peter's Chapel and I would like to use the space of the chapel to really bring this music alive. I have shared the link of both of these pieces below so that you can listen to them before Tuesday's rehearsal.

Britten:

<https://youtu.be/-IEuxKCB6o8?si=DJ112GziY3tC2GYC>

Vaughan Williams:

<https://youtu.be/XHtB9ErINrw?si=60qhVblO16i8w3Lq>

With only 8 rehearsals plus a dress rehearsal for this last season of 2024, every rehearsal counts. I will be moving faster through the music in each rehearsal. See you tomorrow!

Deb

Details of the next concert

A Ceremony of Carols and other works

Sunday December 1, 4pm, St Peter's, Indooroopilly (with harp and organ)

Rehearsals: October 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 12, 19, 26.

Dress rehearsal (tbc, but please keep free): Friday November 29

This week:

Please all find attached a terrific report on the tour written by Murray - thank you to him and to Louise and Michael for their contribution. And to mark the return of the pilgrims:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=e500H_kd-xs

(Blest, I may now look on thee, my native land, and gladly greet thy pleasant pastures...)

See you all tomorrow,

Janet