

14.10.24, Monday Mail

Good morning, all,

Great to be back singing together again! Some people are yet to return from their extended stays after the Spain tour – welcome back to you all, and may your jetlag be minimal. For anyone who hasn't already done so, please bring your music from the tour (and any other concerts) to your next rehearsal.

A reminder about the forthcoming concert:

A Ceremony of Carols and other works

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

- Rehearsals: October 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 12, 19, 26.
- Dress rehearsal (tbc, but please keep free): Friday, November 29

Practice aids:

- Sannie has very kindly put together a playlist of the pieces we will be singing, including the two Britten and Vaughan Williams recordings sent last week by Debra – thank you, Sannie! Link: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLbRxzEmNIIGO2OSRAGModbL7Wl3DtJk4m&feature=shared>
- Thanks also to Birte who has flagged up the availability of audio rehearsal files for individual voice parts from John Fletcher, <https://johnfletchermusic.org/>. These were previously available free of charge, and that's still the case for items out of copyright. For other pieces users are required to pay a small membership fee; details on their website.

Christmas carols

We will be doing our usual lunchtime carol singing in the City this year at two separate venues. These gigs are vital for our budget: they help us to pay the costs of our concerts throughout the year. Dates are still tbc, but please volunteer for as many sessions as you can when the sign-up sheets are made available. Thank you.

Returning music

Two more chances to sing

- The Queensland Choir has invited ChoirWorks members to join in their biennial performance of Handel's *Messiah* on Sunday December 8 at 3pm at Brisbane City Hall. You need to commit to six rehearsals on Mondays and Thursdays. For details and registration go to <https://qldchoir.com/joinusformessiah> or enquiries@qldchoir.com
- Choral Connection has a From Scratch performance of Schubert's *Mass no 2 in G minor* on Sunday, November 24 from 9.30am, concert at 2.30pm, in Toowong. For details see <https://www.choralconnection.org.au/upcoming-concerts>

This week:

Thursday October 17 is the 297th anniversary of the first performance in 1727 of Bach's *Trauerode* for the Electress of Saxony; not only that, but on Wednesday October 16 it's 345 years since the birth of Jan Dismas Zelenka, our other composer from the May concert. So cheers to Bach and Zelenka - relive that afternoon and pick your favourite movement from the recordings on our website: <https://choirworks.au/members/>. NB we'll be setting up a choir YouTube channel soon, so you'll be able to remind your friends how good we sound!

See you all tomorrow,

Janet