

MONDAY MAIL, 16.03.26

Morning, everyone,

Into the Light (with Lux by Dan Forrest), Saturday May 23, 6.30pm, St John's Cathedral (call. 0pm.tbc)

This is an important week in our preparations for our May concert. Not only do we have our regular Tuesday rehearsal, but ..

- We're also meeting THIS.SUNDAY?MARCH.88?8_1PM?AT.ST.ANDREW"S. INDOOROOPILLY
 - This date has been circulated since our first rehearsal this year, and Debra is expecting us all to be there. If you know you can't attend, you should have notified us already. There's a full programme for the afternoon, including Debra working out our placements for the concert.
 - Please bring something to share for afternoon tea during the break, when we will also be bidding farewell to Milly Blakely and Judy Shepherd.

Meanwhile, some reminders:

- Music: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ft-D0PVuNH-N4G9Uo0ktyozhlNWrfZtp?usp=sharing> (NB this has been updated to include Creator. Alme.Siderum)
- Playlist: Sannie has kindly put this together for us. Listen on repeat!!
https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLbRxzEmNIIGOPlvJwZ3rGs3ymJbc2A6bG&si=L3nPwSIPy_XU3gy9
- Rehearsal roundup:
 - March 17, 24; PLUS.w-e.rehearsal.SUN.88.MARCH.8_1pm?St.Andrew"s. Indooroopilly
 - April 7, 14, 21, 28
 - May 5, 12; PLUS.TUES.7MAY.at.the.Cathedral with.string.orchestra

There's a lot of work going on behind the scenes at the moment.

Your committee and Debra are meeting this week, with a pretty full agenda including:

- Final arrangements for the 30th birthday celebrations.
 - Today is your very last chance to have your say on the date, time and format - <https://forms.gle/XqrGwogpFfMiRFxQ7>
- Finances
- Concerts on September 13 (have you confirmed your attendance yet?) and November 29

- What's going on in the 31st season, including our next tour

We'll report back to you!

2026 Dates (apart from the usual Tuesday night rehearsals)

- Concerts: Saturday May 23; Sunday September 13; Sunday November 29
- ChoirWorks anniversary celebration during w/e 17-19 July, day and time tbc
- One weekend afternoon rehearsal for each concert, 2-5pm:
 - Sunday March 22, St Andrew's Indooroopilly
 - Sunday August 2, QAH
 - Sunday October 25, QAH

And finally ...

Robert Pearsall (1795-1856) was an amateur composer, almost entirely self-taught. You may have sung his popular setting of In.dulci.jubilo at Christmas. Another scrumptious piece, dated very precisely on June 4 1840, is Lay.A.Garland?which paints the distress of a girl whose beloved is forced into marrying the king's mistress. Here's a version by Tenebrae directed by Nigel Short; which luckily doesn't milk it by languishing in the crunchy harmonies:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NA1eWba5ZCE&list=RDNA1eWba5ZCE&start_radio=1

See you on Tuesday,

Janet