

Derby Hospitals Choir



Dear Choir Member

First of all a big thank you to all who braved the weather to attend the Annual General Meeting, it was a good turnout and an opportunity to view **St Alkmunds Church as the venue for our next Concert which will be on Friday 1st December 2023.**

It was good to see Jill Matthews who received the cheque for £1,000.00 on behalf of the Diabetes Unit at the hospital and wished us well with our future efforts. St Alkmund's is a bigger venue than last year so hopefully we will do even better with our fund-raising. The beneficiary for this year's concert will be decided by the Choir when we start rehearsals in September. These will take place at **St John's Methodist Church in Allestree** and will start on **Wednesday 13th September at 7.30pm.**

We hope to become a registered charity to take advantage of gift aid. We are updating the constitution to align to the Charity Commission's requirements and we will hold an Extraordinary General Meeting at the end of the first rehearsal on 13-September to approve this new constitution.

The member subscription this year will be **£20.00**. We ask you to pay your subscription **later in the autumn**, after we have become a registered charity, so we can claim an additional £5 from the government for each member who completes a gift-aid form. You will be able to pay your subscription either in cash or by cheque or by BACS transfer; the information and sign-up sheets will be available at rehearsals so please arrive a little early to deal with these formalities.

We are still looking for new members especially for the lower voice sections of the choir. Please spread the word and invite singers along. We also need supporters, non-singers who are willing to take on other tasks e.g. selling raffle tickets, helping with refreshments, etc. No subscription is payable for non-singing members.

To give us some idea of numbers for the 2023 Concert can I ask that you reply to this communication with confirmation that you will be joining us this year and in which section.

	1 st Sop	2 nd Sop	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Name					
Phone No:					
Email:					
Address:					

This form can be emailed to me at: kmc957@outlook.com

Or by post to: Mrs K Cawdell, 957 London Road, Alvaston, Derby DE24 8PW

Many thanks and hope to see you in September.

Yours faithfully,

Kath Cawdell (Secretary)