



ANNUAL CHOIRS' FESTIVAL
Saturday, 10th October, 2009 at 2 pm
Dorchester Abbey

Conductor: Dr Christopher Robinson, former Organist & Director of Music, St John's College, Cambridge
Organist: Benjamin Sheen, Senior Organ Scholar, Christ Church, Oxford
Preacher: Revd Tim Harper, Rector of Amersham

You are invited to take part in Oxford Area's Annual Festival, which takes place in the Abbey Church of SS Peter and Paul, Dorchester by kind permission of the Rector and Churchwardens.

Timetable

2.00 pm Assemble in the Abbey
2.15 pm Rehearsal
4.00 pm Tea break
4.45 pm Re-assemble, robed for Service
5.00 pm Festival Evensong
6.00 pm End of Festival

To apply

Please complete the form and send it with your remittance to The Precentor (RSCM) Cathedral Offices, Christ Church, Oxford OX1 1DP, no later than 7th September 2009. Please complete all parts of the form.

RSCM Oxford Area Annual Choirs' Festival, 10th October, 2009 in Dorchester Abbey to The Precentor (RSCM), Cathedral Offices, Christ Church, Oxford OX1 1DP

Affiliated Organisation/Friend
Contact Name
Address
Tel. No. Email
Date

We will bring singers made up of:
Juniors Contraltos Tenors
Sopranos Altos Basses
will attend rehearsal at St. Andrew's Church, Headington on 3rd October at 6.30 pm
will attend rehearsal at St. Peter's Church, Didcot on 5th October at 7.30 pm
will attend rehearsal at St. Mary's Church, Henley on 6th October at 7.30 pm

Please supply copies of the Festival Service Booklet at £6.50 each [Cheques to RSCM Oxford]
Please provide teas at £2.50 each. [Cheques to Dorchester Abbey PCC]

The Music

<i>Introit</i>	Never weather-beaten saile	Campion
<i>Preces, Responses</i>		Ives
<i>Psalm</i>	24	Bennett
<i>Canticles</i>	in D minor	Walmisley
<i>Anthem</i>	My joy, my life, my crown	Bruce Montgomery
<i>Hymn</i>	Glorious things of thee are spoken	Abbot's Leigh (Taylor)

Rehearsals

All singers **must** attend at least one of the pre-Festival rehearsals *either*
 at St. Andrew's Church, Headington on Saturday 3rd October at 6.30 pm *or*
 at St. Peter's Church, Didcot on Monday 5th October at 7.30 pm *or*
 at St. Mary's Church, Henley on Tuesday 6th October at 7.30 pm.

Music will be available shortly. Choir trainers are asked to ensure that their singers are note-perfect before the rehearsals.

NB: Robed and unrobed choirs are equally welcome. Cassocks should be worn only for the rehearsal and service on 10th October, not for the pre-Festival rehearsals.

Cost

The Festival Service Booklet costs **£6.50**. Cheques should be made payable to *RSCM Oxford*. Numbers will be limited to 320. In recent years, all Festival Service Booklets have been sold before the closing date. Early booking is therefore advisable.

The famous Dorchester Abbey tea will be provided, price **£2.50**, for those who order in advance. Cheques should be made payable to *Dorchester Abbey PCC*. Tea tickets will be distributed at the pre-Festival rehearsals.

Parking arrangements in Dorchester have been changed. Because emergency vehicles have been denied access on occasions during events in Dorchester Abbey, it is now compulsory for cars to be parked at the Recreation Ground which is at the north end of Dorchester High Street. Please will car drivers conform to this requirement.

PLEASE
publicise the Festival in your own churches and parishes,
and
invite your friends to attend the Festival Evensong.