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St Albans Choral Society

- Celebrating 75 years -



2019/20 CONCERT SEASON

Saturday 23 November 2019 at 7.30pm

Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban, St Albans AL1 1BY

Richard James Harvey *The Martyrs' Call: A cantata in stone*

World premiere of a special anniversary commission

John Rutter *Gloria* · **Liz Lane** *The Story of St Alban*

Orchestra Nova Ensemble

Saturday 14 December 2019 at 7.30pm

Marlborough Road Methodist Church, St Albans AL1 3XG

A Christmas Celebration

A wide variety of Christmas music, carols and readings

James Francis Brown, Cecilia McDowall and George Vass

Richard Harvey organ

Saturday 25 April 2020 at 7.30pm

Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban, St Albans AL1 1BY

Richard Blackford *Pietà*

Jointly commissioned by Bournemouth Symphony Chorus and

St Albans Choral Society

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart *Requiem in D minor, K626*

Orchestra Nova

Saturday 20 June 2020 at 7.30pm

St Saviour's Church, Sandpit Lane, St Albans AL1 4DF

Joseph Haydn *Creation*

Blaze Ensemble

For full details visit our website

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George Vass music director | **Richard Harvey** accompanist



St Albans Choral Society is one of the leading large amateur choirs in Hertfordshire, singing to a high standard in beautiful concert venues around the city and surrounding area.

This year the choir is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary with two concerts in St Albans Abbey, each containing a major new work. The Society gave its first concert in December 1944 and, since then, has performed a large part of the choral repertoire with music ranging from the Baroque to the present day.

Thanks to music director George Vass' strong advocacy of living composers, the choir has an enviable reputation for the commissioning and performance of contemporary repertoire, having sung important works by James Francis Brown, Gabriel Jackson, Alexander L'Estrange, James MacMillan and Tarik O'Regan among others; the Society also enjoys a long-standing and musically fruitful relationship with its composer-in-association, Cecilia McDowall.

St Albans Choral Society currently has a singing strength of approximately 110; if you enjoy singing, have a reasonable voice and like a musical challenge, please contact the Membership Secretary via www.choralsociety.com for further details.

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