

ECA Biennial Reunion & Choral Eucharist

As members will know by now there are important events for the ECA are happening in June. Firstly there is our Biennial **Reunion and Choral Eucharist** on Sunday 5th June when ECA members, including our Abbey Singers, have been invited to sing the Service of Choral Eucharist at 11.15am in the Quire.

If you have not already responded, and thank you to those who have already accepted or declined, would you please do so by return email to the Chairman (to malcolm.bury@stalbanseca.org) with the following information.

I/We wish to attend the Service of Choral Eucharist and Reunion Drinks/Buffer Lunch [YES / NO]

I/We wish to sing with Exquire [YES / NO]

My voice is: [Soprano / Alto / Tenor / Bass]

I currently sing with: _____
(e. g. Abbey Singers / St Peter's / Mosaic / Lea Singers)

Name of Spouse/Partner/Guest(s): _____

Please remember, the Ex-Choristers' Association exists for the benefit of all former choristers (trebles and sopranos) and lay clerks, and its success and future sustainability relies on your personal support and attendance at events.



The second event is the 20th anniversary celebration of the formation of the Abbey Girls Choir on Saturday 25th June.

An introit has been commissioned for this special Service of Choral Evensong from Judith Weir which has been co-sponsored by the Association.

Whilst this is a very special event for the Abbey Girls Choir and our former soprano choristers it is hoped that all ECA members will attend the service and support this wonderful occasion.

2016 Members Year Book

Members should have received an email requesting verification of the members' details we hold on our database. This is to ensure, as far as possible, that member's entries in the Members' Year Book are complete and accurate.

The **Year Book** is currently being compiled and will available at the ECA Reunion on 5th June and at the Abbey Girls Choir 20th Anniversary celebration on 25th June.

Previous issues of the Year Book have been generously sponsored by a number of individual members which meant that it could be made available free of charge. If any member(s) would like to consider sponsoring the 2016 Year Book, please contact the Chairman as soon as possible.

Cathedral Choirs News

BBC Broadcast – Easter Sunday



On Easter Sunday, the BBC broadcast a televised service from the Cathedral.

The service was led by the Rt. Reverend Dr Alan Smith, Bishop of St Albans and The Dean, the Very Reverend Dr Jeffrey John was the preacher.

The Cathedral Choir sang the Hallelujah Chorus and the music for the Mass was by David Thorne and Jonathan Dove. Easter hymns included Jesus Christ is risen today and Thine be the Glory

Another highlight in the first part of the year was a Music Trust Recital at All Saints' Hertford on 6th February. It is the largest church in Hertfordshire, other than St Albans Cathedral and can seat up to 1,000 people.

In addition, the recently extended choir stalls have now been commissioned and are in use – they look magnificent.



Photograph courtesy of Luke Watson

The Choirs and Musicians of St Albans Cathedral

The book by Malcolm Bury entitled ALBAN NOTES The Choirs and Musicians of St Albans Cathedral is now on sale on sale at the Abbey Book Shop at the RRP of £12.99. Have you purchased a copy yet?

Over 150 copies have now been sold which will result in a significant donation to the funds of the Cathedral Choirs. Feedback from those who have purchased a copy has been very positive with readers finding it *“informative and amusing.”*

Books are also available direct from the author at malcolm.bury@stalbanseca.org price £12.99 plus packing and postage.

