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## NEWSLETTER

### Important dates

**Saturday May 24** – Great Hall – concert rehearsal – time TBC

**Sunday May 25** - Great Hall – concert

**Saturday June 28** – Great Hall – music workshop – details TBC

**Saturday September 20** – Great Hall – concert rehearsal – time TBC

**Sunday September 21** - Great Hall – concert – The Armed Man

**Saturday October 18** – Great Hall – workshop with Elizabeth Scott – details TBC

**Sunday December 14** – City Hall – concert - Messiah

### Monday rehearsal venues

March 31	Great hall
April 7	Science theatre
April 14	Science theatre
April 21	No rehearsal
April 28	No rehearsal
May 5	Science theatre
May 12	Great hall
May 19	Christ Church Cathedral
June 2	Great hall
June 9	No rehearsal

## Practice files

Please make use of these between Monday rehearsals.

Vivaldi “Gloria”: <https://www.learnchoralmusic.co.uk/Vivaldi/Gloria/gloria.html>. *N.B. choose the Casella-Ricordi version*

Pergolesi “Stabat Mater”: <https://www.learnchoralmusic.co.uk/Pergolesi/Stabat-Mater/stabat-mater.html>

Monteverdi “Lamento Della Ninfa” – [Audio training files](#)

In addition, it always helps to listen to, and sing along with, a recording of the music. These links are some that are available

Gloria <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gfgu8kTCa6E&t=1216s> (some note differences)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BgHD6Mdb8KY&t=58s>

Stabat Mater [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-FKk\\_J91LU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-FKk_J91LU)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AogRuKseGAA>

Lamento della Ninfa <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2ILoPZkR5k>  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WG0dp\\_d5tds](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WG0dp_d5tds)

## Concert Raffle

The theme for the raffle will be all things Italian. Try to be creative with your donations– there will be 4 prizes and it would be sad if they only offered jars of passata!

## Choir Dinner

A dinner has been organised for Monday May 26, the night after our concert, at which the raffle will be drawn.

Venue is The Bennett Hotel, corner of Denison and Steel Sts, Hamilton at 6.30. Reservations can be done as usual through Trybooking.

## AGM

Due to the absence during May of several of our committee members, the Annual General Meeting will be held on **June 16<sup>th</sup>**.

Are you energetic, good at communicating and decision-making, able to work in a team and share ideas, or have special skills that would be useful on a choir committee? All positions are open and you are encouraged to nominate!

## Membership

Choir numbers have grown! We have 99 registered members, an unusually high number for the first concert of the year. Welcome to all new members!

## Thank you

A big thank you to all who help set out and pack up the chairs for rehearsals in the Great Hall, and with organising the keyboard in STHG01.

As usual, we will need volunteers on the concert weekend to help with risers and stage set up, so please consider adding your name to the list when the time comes.