



Wordsworth 250th Celebration Concert – Saturday July 11, 2020

Kendal Parish Church 7:30pm

Paul Smy - Tenor

CFC Orchestra – leader: Roland Fudge

Conductor: Ian Jones

Programme:

Jonathan Millican: Influence of Natural Objects (New Commission)

Roland Fudge: Child of the Clouds (New Commission)

Gerald Finzi: Intimations of Immortality

2020 will see world-wide celebrations of William Wordsworth's 250th birthday and since he is our Lakeland poet we are going to ensure that no celebrations are better than ours! Many of you will remember the Finzi piece from 2010 and will, we're sure, welcome the opportunity to re-visit this wonderful music. Alongside it this time we have the privilege and thrill of two world premiere settings of Wordsworth texts by two of our most accomplished local composers. The chorus will be joined by the distinguished tenor Paul Smy and our friends of the CFC Orchestra with whom we have performed on many occasions.

We will follow the usual rehearsal pattern of varying the times and days so that you can fit in the maximum number of attendances around your regular commitments. We very much hope that the Saturday rehearsals will make this easier for you as well. As usual we rely on your judgement with regard to how many rehearsals you attend.

At our last concert, the Berlioz Te Deum, we experienced some difficulties in accommodating all the chorus singers because of health and safety regulations so we are limiting the size of the chorus to 120 singers. We will have to maintain a balance between the parts of course so this could mean disappointing some singers. Our advice is to apply early!

Rehearsals in Stricklandgate Methodist Church, Kendal:

Mornings (am) – 10:15-12:30; Afternoons (pm) – 1:15-3:15; Evenings (eve) – 7:15-9:45.

April: Friday 17th (eve)

Sat 18th (am/pm)

May: Sat 2nd (am/pm)

Fri 8th (eve)

Wed 13th (eve)

Thu 21st (eve)

Sat 30th (am/pm)

June: Thu 4th (eve)

Wed 10th (eve)

(June) Mon 15th (eve)

Mon 22nd (eve)

Sat 27th (am/pm)

July: Wed 1st (eve)

Final – compulsory – rehearsals:

Sun 5th (1pm-5pm) – Kendal Town Hall

Thu 9th (7pm-10pm) – Kendal PC

Sat 11th (2pm-5pm) – Kendal PC

Performance: 7.30pm

Scores: these are coming from a variety of sources. Please let us know as early as possible if you wish to sing so that we know how many scores will be needed.

New Year's Eve

Once again we will bring in the New Year by singing together in Carver Church, Windermere. Our instrumental friends are all ready and waiting so I hope you will be able to join us to sing **Handel: Coronation Anthems** including – of course – **Zadok the Priest** (as rousing a way to bring in the New Year as there could be!) and to enjoy convivial food and company. We will meet as usual on New Year's Eve at 7.00 to rehearse until 9.45. Then we will enjoy the usual 'bring and share' supper before performing the music at 11.00. Please let us know by returning the form below if you are able to be there.

Because of the costs involved we are asking singers for a nominal minimum contribution of £5. This will be paid on the night as you arrive. As usual all surplus funds will go to charity.

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Application Form

Please reply to Margaret Jones, 22 Helme Lodge, Natland, Kendal. LA9 7QA. 01539 720168, or ij_kg@btinternet.com as soon as possible.

I would like to sing on New Year's Eve 2019:

Name.....Voice.....

Address.....

Postcode.....

Tel. No.....Email.....

I would like to borrow a copy of the music.....(please tick)

Feel free to bring your own if you have one. Don't worry about editions – we can cope with different ones!

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I would like to sing in the Wordsworth Celebration Concert on July 11th 2020

Name(s).....

Voice(s).....

Address.....

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Postcode..... Tel. No.....

Email.....

I enclose registration fee of £27 (Cheques payable to Cumbria Festival Chorus).

Copies of the music will be provided.