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To all members of the South West & Midlands Cathedral Singers

Dear all

This year has been a busy one as we have sung 18 services including the 80th Anniversary service at St Pauls Cathedral and the Celebration Day at Llandaff Cathedral which Professor John Harper described in a letter to me as 'one of the best yet' - so well done and thanks.

We have sung some challenging repertoire this year- at times it may have been too challenging and so this year I have included some more straight-forward pieces alongside some new pieces which I hope you will find interesting.

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank John and Janet Henderson for all the organisation over the year. Also to thank Neil Fortin who has taken the lion's share of the organ playing with panache and expertise.

This year we are slightly changing the structure of the choirs. This year I would like to re-audition the adults starting with the adult sopranos. Successful singers will then be invited to join the Chamber choir days and events with the girls choir. The structure will be as follows:

ALL All singers of all ages who have passed an audition and have been invited to be member of MSWCS

GBA Girls, Boys and adult ATB

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CC Chamber Choir- Singers 16 and over who have passed a second audition.

In addition, girls, boys and ATB are expected to commit to at least 5 of the dates as part of their membership. Please make a note of the dates you have ticked and make sure you notify Janet Henderson by telephone or email as early as possible before the event if you are unable to attend on the day. **All singers in MSWCS must be members of RSCM affiliated choirs or be personal members.**

Please find with this letter a music list, date sheet, information on the increased subscription rate, an order form for the music and availability form. We have included a copy for you to keep, so you can see for which dates you have said you are available. Please order the music well in advance to learn the music thoroughly.

There are currently vacancies for girls and boys. If you know of anyone who would be interested in singing with the choir, please ask them to contact Janet Henderson.

As you can see from the enclosed dates sheet, we have an impressive line up of venues along with some interesting music and I look forward to working with you once again throughout the year ahead.

Best wishes



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