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ANNUAL CHOIRS' FESTIVAL

Saturday, 14th October, 2017, 2 - 6 pm

St Helen's Church, Abingdon

Conductor Peter Nardone
Director of Music, Worcester Cathedral

Organist Christopher Fletcher-Campbell
St Helen's, Abingdon

Preacher The Very Revd Michael Tavinor
Dean of Hereford Cathedral

You are invited to take part in the Oxford Area's Annual Festival, which takes place in **St Helen's Church, Abingdon** by kind permission of the Rector.

Timetable

2.00 pm Assemble	4.45 pm Re-assemble, robed for Service
2.15 pm Rehearsal	5.00 pm Festival Evensong
4.00 pm Tea break	6.00 pm End of Festival

To apply: Complete the form below and send it with your remittance to Janet Low, 3 Sheepway Court, Iffley, Oxford OX4 4JL (01865 777257, janetcllow@gmail.com), as soon as possible **but not later than Monday 4th September 2017.**

Please complete **all** parts of the form; entry cheques payable to **RSCM Oxford**; tea cheques to **Abingdon PCC – St Helen's Church**

RSCM Oxford Annual Choirs' Festival, 14th Oct 2017 in St Helen's Church, Abingdon

To: Janet Low, 3 Sheepway Court, Iffley, Oxford. OX4 4JL

Affiliate/Individual Member/Friend.....

Contact Name.....

Address.....

.....Post Code.....

Tel. No. Email.....

We will bring.....singers made up of:

Juniors (u-18 on day of Festival)..... Sopranos Altos

Tenors Basses

.....will attend rehearsal at St. Andrew's Church, Headington on Sat 7th October at 6.30 pm
will attend rehearsal at St. Peter's Church, Didcot on Mon 9th October at 7.30 pm
will attend rehearsal at All Saints' Church, Rotherfield Peppard on Tues 10th October at 7.30 pm

Please supplycopies of the *Service Booklet* at **£7.50** each for Juniors, **£9** for adults. (cheques to RSCM Oxford)

Please provide teas at **£2.50** each. I enclose **£.....** remittance (cheques to Abingdon PCC – St Helen's Church).

Signed..... (Responsible Adult). Date.....

The Music

<i>Introit</i>	Light of the lonely pilgrim's heart - Nardone
<i>Responses</i>	Ayleward
<i>Office Hymn</i>	I heard the voice of Jesus say – tune Kingsfold
<i>Psalm</i>	46 chant Luther
<i>Canticles</i>	Sumsion in A
<i>Anthem</i>	Insanae et vanae curae - Haydn
<i>Hymn</i>	Father, Lord, we give you adoration – words & tune (Hurst Green) by Nardone

Rehearsals

All singers **must** attend at least one of the pre-Festival rehearsals:

at St. Andrew's Church, Headington	on Saturday 7 th October at 6.30 pm	<i>or</i>
at St. Peter's Church, Didcot	on Monday 9 th October at 7.30 pm	<i>or</i>
at All Saints' Church, Rotherfield Peppard	on Tuesday 10 th October at 7.30 pm.	

Music will be available shortly. Choir trainers are asked to ensure that their singers are note-perfect before the rehearsals.

NB: Robed and unrobed choirs are equally welcome. Vestments should be worn for the rehearsal (cassocks only) and service on 14th October, but not for the pre-Festival rehearsals.

Cost

- The Festival Service Booklet costs £7.50 for Juniors and £9 for adults.
- Tea will also be provided, price £2.50, for those who order in advance. Numbers are limited so please book early! Tea tickets will be distributed at the pre-Festival rehearsals. **NB** Cheques for teas should be made out to Abingdon PCC – St Helen's Church, not RSCM.
- Booking will begin in March this year (cheques should be made payable to *RSCM Oxford*) we encourage you to book as early as you can, if possible well **before the deadline date of 4th September**, to allow sufficient time for all arrangements to be made. (Bear in mind that the organisers will probably be on holiday in August and requests made then may not get a speedy response!)

Parking

The nearest car park is West St Helen's Street, 120 spaces, Pay & Display.

PLEASE

**publicise the Festival in your churches and parishes,
and invite families & friends to attend the Festival Evensong**