

## National Gathering in Edinburgh 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral

- 13:30 **Welcome and introductions** followed by:  
**The Provost, the Very Revd. John Conway**, who will explain the place of the Episcopalian Church in Scotland.  
**The Director of Music, Mr Duncan Ferguson**, who will talk about the music at St Mary's.
- 14:15 **Tours of St Mary's Cathedral** with volunteer guides, in groups.
- 15:30 **A short talk by Mr Paul Stubbings, Director of Music at St Mary's Music School**, followed at 15:45 by an **Instrumental Recital** given by some of the St Mary's pupils.
- 16:30 **Tea / coffee** and a biscuit in Walpole Hall  
**DRs Meeting** in the Chapter House, with tea / coffee / biscuit
- 17:30 **Choral Evensong** at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral  
Members make their own arrangements for evening meal.

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October

- 10:00 – 12:00 **A visit to St Cecilia's Hall, a purpose-built Concert Hall and Musical Instrument Museum**, now owned by the University of Edinburgh, and home to the Russell Collection of musical instruments. Following a general introduction from Museum Curator, Dr Sarah Deters, we will split into groups and then the visit will include a tour of the instrument galleries and a short recital in the Concert Room, given by Edinburgh City Organist, Dr John Kitchen.
- 12:30 – 13:15 **St Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral** - a recital and demonstration of the organ by Cathedral Organist, Mr Simon Leach  
Members make their own arrangements for lunch.
- 15:00 – 16:30 **St Giles Cathedral**  
In two groups: a tour of St Giles Cathedral with Mr Stephen Preston and a talk from Mr Michael Harris, Master of the Music, entitled *Laudibus in Sanctis: the St Giles' choral tradition*. (NB there are no disabled toilet facilities in St Giles)
- 16:30 **Tea/coffee and cake in Le Bistrot at the French Institute**, in West Parliament Square. Cakes to be pre-ordered. Choose from: *a slice of Chocolate Heaven, a slice of Apricot Tart or Lemon Tartlet*.
- 17:30 – 18:30 **Concert in St Giles Cathedral: Sing Praises** - St Giles Cathedral Choir, conducted by Michael Harris, with Jordan English at the organ. The programme to include works by Schütz, Brahms, Moore, MacMillan, Pitkin, Boyle and Leighton.
- 19:00 for 19:30 **Gathering Dinner in the St Giles Suite at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Royal Mile**.  
Please choose from: *Oven roast supreme of chicken, served with French beans, buttered shallot onions, creamed potato and balsamic jus, or Spinach and cheese tortellini, sautéed wild mushrooms and herbs*, followed by: *strawberry mousse with chocolate dipped amoretti biscuits or fresh fruit salad*, followed by tea and coffee. Guest speaker: Paul Mealor, Composer and Professor of Composition at the University of Aberdeen.

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October

- 10:30 **St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral Sung Eucharist** with full Choir, to include FCM grant presentation.  
Other options are:
- 10:00 **St Giles Cathedral Holy Communion** with choir
- 11:30 **St Giles Cathedral Harvest Service** with choir and sermon
- 09:00 **St Mary's RC Cathedral Sung Mass** with the Voluntary Choir
- 12:00 **St Mary's RC Cathedral Sung Mass** with the Professional Choir
- 12:15 or 14.15 **Visit to the Song School at St Mary's Cathedral** to see the Phoebe Traquair Murals. In 2 groups – maximum numbers in each group: 30 people
- 13:00 **Hot Fork Buffet lunch in the Walpole Hall, St Mary's Cathedral**. Two courses and tea/coffee.
- 14:45 **Attend the Choir Rehearsal**
- 15:30 **Choral Evensong at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral**, with full Choir
- 18:00 **St Giles Cathedral – St Giles at Six – Organ Recital** – This is part of the regular series of concerts at 6pm on a Sunday and is open to the public, free with a retiring collection.