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## Notice of Annual General Meeting - 2015

### From The Chairman:

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in The Crypt on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015 from 12.15 until 13.00. Please put this date in your diary and try to attend this meeting. The Agenda and Committee Nomination papers are attached.

**The position of Honorary Secretary has now been vacant for nearly a year despite requests for a member to take on this role. The roles of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer are both open for election at the Annual General Meeting and it is vital that these two positions are filled if we are to comply with the governance requirements of our Constitution and continue to sustain the activities of the ECA.**

**The job of Honorary Secretary is not onerous; it entails taking minutes at one or two meetings each year, arranging committee meetings and helping manage Alban Notes. If you know of anyone who may be a potential candidate, including perhaps parents of former choristers, then please let me know.**

Nominations of Officers and Representatives should be returned to The Chairman at 23 Long Plough, Aston Clinton, Aylesbury, Bucks HP22 5HB or to [malcolm.bury@stalbanseca.org](mailto:malcolm.bury@stalbanseca.org) by no later than **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015**.

### Cathedral Choir News

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February the Cathedral Choir, under the direction of Andrew Lucas with organist Tom Winpenny, gave a recital at St Mary's Church Welwyn.



A packed church heard the following programme of music by English composers

Hear my Prayer O Lord - Henry Purcell; Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes - William Byrd  
Agnus Dei - Thomas Morley; Jehova quam multi sunt hostes mei - Henry Purcell

Organ solo, Tom Winpenny: Choral Song and Fugue - Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Ascribe unto the Lord - Samuel Sebastian Wesley; Let all mortal flesh keep silence - Edward Bairstow  
View me, Lord, a work of thine (men) - Charles Wood; Doubt not thy father's care (boys) - Edward Elgar  
O salutaris hostia No 2 in F - Edward Elgar

Organ solo, Tom Winpenny: Toccata (from Toccata, Chorale & Fugue) - Francis Jackson

Three movements from Psalmfest - John Rutter;

Cantate Domino, The Lord is my shepherd and O be joyful in the Lord



## Success for Former Abbey Girl Chorister, Nina Vinther



Former Abbey Girl Chorister, Nina Vinther won the Secondary Solo Vocal prize at this year's St Albans Young Musician competition in the Cathedral with a stunning performance of "Zueignung" by Richard Strauss.

Nina attends St Albans High School for Girls where she is studying for her AS exams in French, German, English and Geography. She is also taking singing lessons with Helen Templeton.

Following her valediction from the Abbey Girls Choir, Nina has taken part in various fundraising concerts and also played the part of Tony in her school production of West Side Story.

Nina has also sung in Master Classes with Lieder expert Norbert Meyn and baritone Marcus Farnsworth, and last year was 'the Voice of the Spirit' with Nova Music Opera in St John's Smith Square.

Singing for two years with the Harpenden-based Lea Singers as part of their internship programme with their conductor Benjamin Goodson, was a particularly rewarding experience.

Recently Nina became a member of the National Youth Choir's Training Choir and will participate in her first Eton Choral Course this summer.

Regarding the Young Musician Competition Nina said "It was a pleasure to sing Strauss' Zueignung. I chose this piece simply because I love singing in German and the poignancy of the lyrics lends itself to an emotionally involved and engaging performance and I hope this came across! Everyone's dedication and love of music was evident and I am thankful that the Cathedral still remains central to my musical life."

## Still going strong at 80!

Choral Evensong on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at Trinity College Cambridge was directed by former Master of the Music at St Albans, Dr Barry Rose OBE.

### Order of Service

Introit: I would find thee - Sir George Thalben-Ball  
 Responses: William Smith  
 Psalm: 119 vs 1-8 Barry Rose  
 Canticles: Collegium Regale - Herbert Howells  
 Anthem: Beati quorum via – C.V Stanford  
 Hymn: Immortal, Invisible – Tune St Denio,  
 Descant Barry Rose  
 Final Response: Richard Marlow

Quote from a choir member, "It was such a joy for us to welcome him to Trinity, and to learn from his pure musicality and enthusiasm."



**St Albans Cathedral Ex-Choristers Association**  
**8th Annual General Meeting**  
The Crypt, Sunday 19th April 2015 at 12.15pm

**AGENDA**

- 1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies**
- 2. Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting and Matters Arising**
- 3. Chairman's Report**
- 4. Honorary Treasurer's Report**
- 5. Election of Committee Members**

The following officers stood down during the year and are not seeking re-election:

- John Adams
- Maureen Adams (Honorary Secretary)

The following officers have indicated their willingness to remain on the committee:

- Malcolm Bury (Chairman)
- Tony Price (IT Manager)
- Moira Dean
- Nicolas Gibbon
- Libby Godlee
- Laura Hicks
- Trevor Jarvis
- Peter Jeffs

- 6. Any Other Business**
- 7. Close** (*at approx. 1pm*)

Please note - in order to keep our administration costs to a minimum, the Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting are now available on the ECA Website and will be available to all members attending the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

# Nominations for Committee

for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

<b>Member's Name:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I <b>SHALL</b> be attending the AGM
<input type="checkbox"/>	I <b>SHALL NOT</b> be attending the AGM

**I wish to nominate the following for the Committee:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>
Chairman	
Vice Chairman	
Honorary Treasurer	
Honorary Secretary	
Honorary IT Manager	
Representative – Abbey Girls Choir	
Representative – Abbey Girls Choir	
Representative – Cathedral Choir	
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