



## **Eltham Choral Society Concert Tour 2020**

**21<sup>st</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**Prague**

**Newsletter Number 2**



We are delighted to announce that so far 43 choir members and partners have signed up for the tour to Prague from Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020 so we can confirm the tour will definitely go ahead. However, ideally we would still like a few more people – especially tenors and basses!

This newsletter sets out the timescale and arrangements for payments.

We have been able to negotiate favourable terms for choir members who require single rooms in the ADEBA hotel in Central Prague. The supplement for a single room will be £90 for the three nights. The hotel itself does not have a restaurant but there is a bar and a breakfast room in the hotel and a number of very reasonably priced restaurants in the immediate locality.

Flights will be confirmed in September 2019.

We still have no further clarification on the impact on currency rates due to Brexit but we are still expecting to be able to cost the trip at around £650.00 per person which was the amount members paid to travel to Lisbon in 2018. As we confirmed in the last newsletter, the cost is inclusive of all coach transfers, airfares, twin or double room shared accommodation on a B&B basis, performance fees for our MD and accompanist, a gratuity for the tour manager and a group meal in a local restaurant to mark the end of the tour.

We now need to ask you to pay an initial, non-refundable deposit of £100.00 per person by 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Payments can be made by cheque or by bank transfer and information on the

account number and sort code are at the end of this newsletter. **Please note the tour account is different from the one members may use to pay their subscriptions so please make sure you pay the deposit and future payments to the correct account.**

The second payment of £150.00 will be due on or before 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

Choir members will need to make their own arrangements for travel insurance. Please contact one of the tour committee members if you have any questions about this. We suggest that if you wish to protect your deposit you consider taking out travel insurance now.

### **What next?**

We intend holding some events to raise money for the tour; the first of these will be a summer afternoon party which will probably be held at Sue Mack's house in Chislehurst on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July from 2.p.m. Although the purpose of this event is specifically to raise money for the tour, all members of the choir are very welcome to attend. The event will include a sale of cakes and plants as well as a raffle.

The tour committee consists of five members of the choir; Carole Homan, Sue Mack, Jill Pollock, Sue Quirk and Val Seaton. If you have any questions do just ask one of the tour committee and we will do our best to help. We appreciate your support and look forward to a memorable tour to a beautiful city.



**ELTHAM CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT TOUR 2020**

If you wish to pay by cheque please complete this form and hand to Val Seaton or Sue Mack

Name: .....

Guest name (if applicable).....

Name of person with whom you wish to share a room (if applicable).....

I enclose my deposit of £100.00 per person for the ECS trip to Prague from 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Please make cheques payable to: ECS Tour Account:

If you wish to pay by bank transfer please make your payment to the ECS tour account, which is held by Barclays Bank.

Account Number 60864064,

Sort Code 20-98-57