



Aldersgate Ward Club

Founded 1860 Revised 1909

Master: 2021-22 Allan Fallshaw

10th November 2021

Dear Members

INVITATION TO A CHRISTMAS CONCERT ON MONDAY 13 DECEMBER

The Christmas period is one where people often come together to share a meal or a musical event. This year the Aldersgate Ward Club will have the opportunity to enjoy both on the same evening.

On Monday 13 December at 7.30pm we will attend a Christmas concert in the Great Hall at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, EC1A 7BE. For those wishing to have an early evening meal prior to the concert, a table has been booked at Vecchio Parioli, 129 Aldersgate Street, EC1A 4JQ at 5.30pm.

The orchestra and choir were founded in 1972 by Professor John Lumley who is a Life Member of AWC. Our immediate Past Master is a member of the string section of the orchestra and other Club members sing in the choir. This Christmas concert has occurred every year since 1972, with the exception of last year. It is always well attended and we are fortunate to have been offered 25 reserved seats for members of the Club and their guests.

The evening will include secular and religious music, and we are advised that items from the Nutcracker and pieces by the Strauss Family will be played. After the interval there will also be an opportunity to join the choir in singing Christmas carols.

Although there is no bar in the Great Hall, audience members are offered wine or fruit juice in the interval. For COVID hygiene reasons, and the fact that we are in a hospital, drinks will be served only in disposable cups.

The cost of the concert is £17.00 per person. The cost of the meal is £35.50 per person, including service but excluding wine. We would normally include half a bottle of wine in the cost of a meal. However, as some members may wish to limit the amount of alcohol they have prior to a concert, on this occasion drinks should be ordered and paid for individually at the restaurant.

We have agreed that any of our reserved seats not booked by Friday 3 December will be returned to the Hospital and be made available to the general public. May I therefore request you complete the attached booking form by that date at the latest.

Kind regards
Allan Fallshaw
Master

DIRECTIONS TO THE GREAT HALL, ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL

Monday 13th December 2021 at 19:30

The Great Hall, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield, EC1A 7BE

The Great Hall is accessed from West Smithfield through an iron gate, known as the Henry VIII Gate, which, at the time of writing, is surrounded by hoarding.

1 (a) Coming from the direction of Cloth Fair, pass the William Wallace memorial and turn left through the gate.

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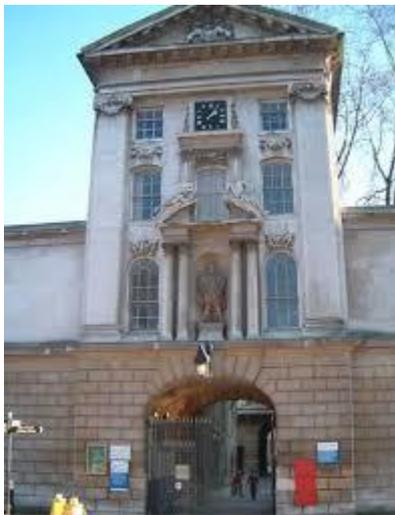
1 (b) Coming from Giltspur Street, pass the red old fashioned telephone box and turn right through the gate.

There will be notices on the hoarding directing you to the Great Hall.

2 Go through the iron gate, past the church of St. Bartholomew the Less, through a second arch and immediately turn left. Three stone steps lead up to a blue door which is the entrance to the North Wing and the Great Hall.

The Great Hall is on the first floor of the Grade 1 listed North Wing of the Hospital and is approached by way of a grand staircase, the walls of which were decorated by William Hogarth (1697-1764). It is not accessible by wheelchair.

On entering the Great Hall, please give your name to one of the people at the table who will show you to the reserved seats.



BOOKING FORM

Christmas concert, Great Hall, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Monday 13th December 2021

Please return this booking form by Friday 3rd December to:

The Secretary
Mr. John Clark
55 Skeena Hill
London SW18 5PW

Email: skeena55@hotmail.com with a copy to allan-awc@hotmail.com

I wish to attend the Christmas Concert on 13th December
Number of places at £17.00 each

I wish to join the meal at Vecchio Parioli
Number of places at £35.50 each

I have paid £..... by Bank Transfer to
NATWEST BANK, 134 Aldersgate Street Branch, London EC1A 4JA
Sort Code: 60-05-37
Account number: 45430462
Reference: *Surname – Carols*

OR
I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to Aldersgate Ward Club

NAME OF MEMBER ATTENDING

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

ADDRESS

CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS

GUEST(S) (full name(s))