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## **The St Peter's Church 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Concert!!**

**On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 @ 7.30pm, in celebration of the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Peter's Church, Brackley Jubilee Choir performs the premiere of St Peter's Gloria, written by local composer Roland Johnson as part of a concert programme including music by one of the UK's most acknowledged modern choral composers - John Rutter.**

At the request of Rev Rich Duncan, Vicar of St Peter's, Roland Johnson, formerly on the staff at Stowe School, kindly agreed to compose St Peter's Gloria to celebrate the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary to be included as part of a series of events linked to Brackley's parish church throughout 2023.

November 25<sup>th</sup> 2023, will be the first public performance of St Peter's Gloria, which is written to reflect scriptural vignettes from the life of the apostle Peter along with poetic extrapolation from the Gospel stories. The Inspiration for the score echoes music from the great works of classical music, including Handel's Messiah and Mozart's choral settings.

Chair of Brackley Jubilee Choir, Auriel Warwick said: "We are happy to have been invited to perform the premiere of St Peter's Gloria and it seems entirely appropriate that our Musical Director, Nick Perry has chosen John Rutter's Te Deum, along with other choral anthems....."

".....Brackley Jubilee Choir has been part of Brackley's cultural life for over 45 years and we are looking forward to taking part in this 800<sup>th</sup> Centenary St Peter's Church Celebration concert and welcoming both regular and new audience members from the growing Brackley and District community to join us".

**Diary note: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 @ 7.30pm, a Concert at St Peter's Church, Brackley Tickets are £12.00 and will be available in advance via a member of the Choir or at the door.**

*Brackley Jubilee Choir is a mixed voice choir based in Brackley, Northamptonshire. The choir was originally formed in 1977 to celebrate the late Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee, and since then has built an enviable reputation of successfully performing a number of challenging Sacred Music, Classical, Modern and Musical Theatre concerts. The choir rehearses every Tuesday 7.30 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. at the Baptist Church, Waynflete Close, Brackley, NN13 6AE. New members are always welcome to join us at our rehearsal evenings from 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023.*

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