



The Edington Music Festival

A Festival of Music within the Liturgy

Edington Festival 2021

After consultation with many from the local area, it has been decided to go ahead with a small-scale version of the Edington Festival this year. We are extremely mindful of the fact that there is no desire to attract large numbers of people to the area. Likewise, should the government restrictions have been relaxed by August there will still be a lot of uncertainty and anxiety caused by the prospect of catching the coronavirus.

Therefore we have decided to mount a small festival, looking back to the original festival in 1956, running from Compline on the evening of Thursday 26 August until Eucharist on Sunday morning 29 August.

It is a truly joyous thing that we can come together for a celebration of music and worship in August. However, for this year only, we feel it would be responsible to invite fewer singers than usual. We will therefore regretfully be without our Nave Choir trebles, and so our liturgy will be adorned by two choirs this year – the Schola and the Consort. Singers will only come to Edington having received a negative coronavirus test result.

Due to the limit on numbers in the Church, this will inevitably mean that a large number of people will not be able to enjoy the services from inside the church, we will be live streaming every service through our website. How we achieve ticket allocation is currently under discussion, and we aim to make the process of allocation as open, transparent and fair as possible.

Regular updates will be posted on the festival's website, www.edingtonfestival.org, and information about attending will be communicated using every possible means.

We look forward to sharing our love of good liturgical music with you all and pray for a safe return to a full scale festival in 2022.

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