

PRESS INFORMATION

SINGING THEIR SUPPORT FOR WAVERLEY CARE

Over 200 people are expected to sign up for an exciting singing event which is being organised in Glasgow in support of Waverley Care, Scotland's leading HIV charity.

The charity has a strong reputation for organising highly successful Come & Sing concerts in Edinburgh and is now bringing its winning formula to Glasgow for a performance of Mozart's "Requiem" at St Mary's Cathedral, Great Western Road on the evening of Saturday 6th March. On-the-day rehearsals start at 2 pm and the resulting concert will commence at 7.30 pm.

Conducted by Michael Bawtree, Music Director of Glasgow Chamber Choir and Chorus Director of the Edinburgh Royal Choral Union, the event will bring together amateur singers from all over the central belt who will raise their voices to generate funds for the charity's work with people in Scotland who are living with HIV or Hepatitis C. The concert will be accompanied by organist, Oliver Rundell.

Waverley Care's previous Come & Sing events have covered a broad repertoire from choral classics to opera choruses to fully-staged Gilbert & Sullivan operettas, one of which brought the charity a Charity Times Fundraising Initiative of the Year Award.

Waverley Care's Director, David Johnson said: "We are delighted to be offering the opportunity to sing Mozart's wonderful "Requiem" in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's Cathedral. This event will raise much-needed funds for our work, as well as helping us to raise our profile in Glasgow, where we are now offering vital support services to people who are living with HIV."

Michael Bawtree said: "I am really looking forward to working with such a large group of singers, all of whom are there to have an enjoyable day's singing for an exceptionally good cause. Mozart's "Requiem" is a favourite of mine - full of great tunes, as well as moments of great pathos - I would urge people to join us for a fun day, even if they've not sung in a large group before."

To register as a singer (£13.50/£9), telephone 0131 556 9710 or visit Waverley Care's website www.waverleycare.org. Audience tickets (£10 / £8) are available from Waverley Care or on the door.

Notes to Editors

Waverley Care provides care and support to people affected by HIV and Hepatitis C. Whether someone is living with HIV or Hepatitis C or are the partner or family member of someone affected by these conditions, we have services that can support them and provide up to date, accurate information and resources.

Our Services

Below is a summary of the services we offer

- **Short-term Residential Intensive Support**

- **Support Services for all, including specialist services for**
 - Africans
 - Children & Young People
 - Gay Men
 - People affected by Drug Misuse
 - Women

- **Community Projects & Support Services including**
 - Advocacy and Information
 - Arts Project
 - Befriending / Buddying
 - Spiritual and Pastoral Care
 - Complementary Therapies
 - Counselling
 - Crusaid Hardship Fund Administration
 - Health Promotion
 - Outreach and Support
 - Skills and Employment

- **Prevention & Awareness Raising**

PLEASE NOTE - On behalf of our service users we ask journalists to avoid words such as "victim" and "sufferers". Where possible, please use the words "people living with HIV" or "people with HIV". Thank you.