

**From Margaret West, [events@emfscotland.org.uk](mailto:events@emfscotland.org.uk)**

I'm pleased to confirm our next meeting will be a day workshop with Noel O'Regan on November 12<sup>th</sup> at Stockbridge Parish Church. Noel is an entertaining speaker and is extremely knowledgeable, so I'm sure we will have an excellent day with him.

We will be looking at some of the sacred works written by the Anerio brothers, Giovanni and Felice. The brothers were born in Rome to a trombone-playing father, and were among the most significant composers of the immediate post-Palestrina generation. Felice succeeded Palestrina as composer to the papal chapel (the last to hold this office) and worked for a number of Roman churches and private patrons. His younger brother Giovanni worked in Rome, but also in Verona and in Warsaw, as chapel master to the King of Poland. The workshop will explore a number of sacred works by both composers for a variety of vocal forces. Their music really is lovely!

The schedule for the day will be as follows –

9.40am – 10am – Registration  
10am – 11.15am – Session 1  
11.15am – 11.30am Coffee Break (refreshments provided)  
11.30am – 1pm - Session 2  
1pm – 2pm - Lunch  
2.00pm - 3.15pm – Session 3  
3.15pm – Coffee and Depart

Please note the earlier finish time, to allow members who wish to attend the Georgian Concert Society event at 4.30pm in St Cecilia's Hall.

I have attached the link to the registration form here -

<https://forms.gle/WAeeSZVWdFfD3mTR8>

so please feel free to circulate this to any of your friends and acquaintances who may also be interested.

As the day will close a little earlier than usual we have adjusted the prices, so tickets will be –

EMFS members – full day - £30

EMFS members – morning only - £15

Non members – full day - £35

Non members – morning only - £20

Students/low income - £10

Parking is fairly limited in the area, but I believe the No.23, No.24, and the No.27 bus all leave from Hanover Street quite frequently and stop a short walk away from the church (although I am not an expert on the Edinburgh buses!). There are a number of cafes in the area, although it may be easier and quicker to bring a packed lunch.

The music is now available for members to access on the EMFS website ([www.emfscotland.org.uk](http://www.emfscotland.org.uk)) in the Choir Music and the Song Library pages in the Members Section. I usually attach the music as a number of pdf files to this email, however because there are more than 4 pieces, I can't do that today. We will be doing some work on the EMFS website on Thursday morning, and will be 'experimenting' with sending large group emails from the website then. If it works the way we hope it will, I will be able to email the music directly to you then, although it is available on the website now. There may be one or two emails sent out on Thursday morning as 'tests' as we work out the best way of using the website to communicate to the group, so I apologise in advance in case it all looks a bit odd - I will try to make it clear which of these emails are not a test! In the long run this will make it easier for us to send out information to such a large group without restrictions on the size of the email or the number of attachments.

If you have any queries please contact me here, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Best wishes

**Margaret West**