

The Soko Fund's "Come & Sing Music for Malawi" at St Cuthbert's Church is now a well established part of Edinburgh's choral calendar. In previous years, Mozart's Requiem, Faure's Requiem, and Haydn's Nelson Mass have attracted large numbers of enthusiastic singers and raised significant sums for the Soko Fund's support of young women students in Malawi.

Singers of all ages and level of experience are welcome. St Cuthbert's Church at the foot of Edinburgh Castle Rock has been a site of worship for over 1000 years, and its context and acoustic makes it a first-class venue for this kind of event.

#### The Music

Dvořák's Mass in D major was written in 1887 for the consecration of a new chapel at Luzany Castle in Western Bohemia. Its composition took just three months. Conscious of the fact that it would be performed by semi-professionals, Dvořák opted for a simple form and wrote an accompaniment for organ only. Though quite without ostentation, the resulting work is immensely rich in melody and harmony. It has come to be regarded as a beautiful reflection of Dvořák's own religious faith, and of his relationship to God and nature.

#### The Conductor

Dr John Kitchen MBE, a musician based in Edinburgh, is well known as a conductor and early music scholar, and highly regarded for his extensive recording portfolio of organ music. He serves as the Edinburgh City Organist, University Organist and is an Honorary Fellow at the University of Edinburgh, and Director of Music of Old Saint Paul's Episcopal Church. He was appointed MBE in the 2016 Queen's Birthday Honours list.

#### The Soko Fund

The Soko Fund (Charity No: SC035554) is a small charity registered in Scotland whose sole purpose is to enable women from disadvantaged backgrounds in Malawi to access university education and find graduate employment. Education is key to the development of Malawi, one of the world's poorest countries. By focusing on women, the overall impact is greater, going beyond the individual to entire families and the wider community.

With Soko's support, Malawi now has significantly more women graduates in education, healthcare, business, agriculture, management and other sectors - all contributing to the country's development. Money raised from the annual Come & Sing supports up to five Soko Scholarships each year.

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# ANTONIN DVOŘÁK MASS IN D

John Kitchen (Conductor)

February 29th 2020

Rehearsal 2pm-5pm; Concert 6pm

St. Cuthbert's Church, Lothian Road, Edinburgh, EH1 2EP

Singer - £15 (suggested donation)

Audience - £5 (suggested donation)

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