John Rutter's Requiem in Edinburgh for Waverley Care

John Rutter, composer of "This is the Day", an anthem specially commissioned for the Royal Wedding and sung in Westminster Abbey during the wedding ceremony, will be in Edinburgh in August.

Rutter will be conducting a 'come & sing' performance of his Requiem in support of Waverley Care, Scotland's leading charity providing care and support to people living with HIV and Hepatitis C. The concert offers the opportunity for local singers to join a massed choir to sing under the baton of the UK's most popular composer of contemporary choral music.

This will be the first time that John Rutter has conducted this piece in Edinburgh. The Requiem takes place as part of this year's Festival of Spirituality and Peace at St Cuthbert's Church, Lothian Road, Edinburgh on Saturday 13th August at 5.30 pm.

Singers' registrations are already flooding in and Waverley Care is expecting to sell all 400 available places, making it one of the charity's most successful 'come & sing' events. The massed choir will be accompanied by organ and orchestra and the choir will be joined by acclaimed soprano soloist, Susan Hamilton, Artistic Director of The Dunedin Consort.

David Johnson, Director of Waverley Care, said: "We are thrilled that John Rutter has agreed to conduct his Requiem for Waverley Care and are delighted to offer singers the opportunity to work with such a high-profile conductor. John has run four of his highly popular workshops for us before but this will be our first concert performance with him.

Our 'come & sing' events continue to play a key role in helping us raise much needed funds for our work and in helping

us raise awareness of HIV and Hepatitis C here in Scotland."

Singers (£15 / £11 concession) can register by calling 0131 556 9710 or visiting <u>www.waverleycare.org/rutter</u> Audience tickets are also available priced £10 /£8 concession For more information please contact Karen Docwra, Waverley Care on 0131 556 9710 or email <u>fund@waverleycare.org</u>

And you can hear the music Rutter composed for the Royal wedding here