

## Singing Day 2020

### REGISTRATION FORM

You can register for the Singing Day either by:

1. Completing the form below and returning it with your cheque, made payable to 'St George's Singers Poynton', to Gillian Banks, 55 Field Lane, Appleton, Warrington, WA4 5JR. For confirmation that your place has been reserved, please provide an email address or enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your registration form.

OR

2. Emailing [stgeorgessingingday@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgessingingday@gmail.com) with details of your name, address, telephone number and section (SATB). Pay the registration fee to St George's Singers by BACS, giving your surname followed by 'SD20' as the reference. Once your fee has been received your place at the Singing Day will be confirmed by email.

#### Bank Details:

St George's Singers Poynton, Sort code 01 05 41,  
Account no 96640901

Title  First name

Last name

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email

Please give details of any choir with whom you sing regularly.

Please include me on your mailing list to receive details of future Singing Days. I agree to my details being stored on St George's Singers' database. (Please tick box) *Please note that we do not share your personal information with any third parties. A copy of our Privacy Policy can be found on our website, [www.st-georges-singers.org.uk](http://www.st-georges-singers.org.uk)*

I would like to receive this information by:

Email  Post (please tick one)

If possible please select email, to reduce postal costs. Thank you.

St George's Singers is a busy, friendly choir, and is widely recognised as one of the most enterprising and innovative choirs in the North of England.

St George's Singers was formed in Poynton, Cheshire in 1956 with 23 founding members from the local community. Today, the Choir has around 100 members who travel from Cheshire, Derbyshire, Yorkshire and Greater Manchester, and performs an extensive and varied repertoire, including baroque, classical, jazz, modern and newly commissioned choral works. Concert venues include Bridgewater Hall, Royal Northern College of Music, Gorton Monastery, Stoller Hall, Manchester Cathedral and St George's Church Stockport, and the Choir tours regularly in the UK and overseas.

#### Think you'd like to join St George's Singers?

New voices always welcome, particularly tenors and basses! The Choir rehearses every Tuesday at 7.30 pm in St George's Church Hall, Poynton. If you'd like to come along to our rehearsals, please contact Jacqui Smith on 01625 875437, or email [enquiries@st-georges-singers.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-georges-singers.org.uk). On Tuesday 18 February 2020 we are holding a 'Come and Sing' evening when we invite singers to join us in rehearsing works from our current repertoire. For more information, visit our website [www.st-georges-singers.org.uk](http://www.st-georges-singers.org.uk).

#### PLEASE BECOME OUR FRIEND!

Join the Friends of St George's Singers, and for just £15 (Red Rose) or £30 (Gold Rose), you'll receive benefits including reserved seats, free transport to city centre concerts where available, invitation to our Annual Friends Reception and much more. To become a Friend, contact Barbara Forshaw, 0161 215 2112, or email [friends@st-georges-singers.org.uk](mailto:friends@st-georges-singers.org.uk).

**General enquiries: 01625 875437**  
**Singing Day enquiries: 01925 213949**  
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Saturday 18 January 2020  
St George's Church  
London Road, Poynton  
9.30 am registration, 6.00 pm concert

## St George's Singers Singing Day 2020 John Rutter: Requiem

Our Singing Day sells out quickly  
– book early to secure your place!

**Musical Director** Neil Taylor  
**Accompanist** Pete Durrant  
**President** Marcus Farnsworth MA ARAM  
**Vice-Presidents** Sasha Johnson Manning  
Stephen Threlfall  
Stephen Williams

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## Singing Day 2020

St George's Church,  
London Road, Poynton SK12 1NF

St George's Church has limited parking.  
Please use Civic Centre car park if possible (5 minutes walk), located behind Waitrose on Park Lane.



9.30	Registration and coffee
10.15	Rehearsal
12.15	Lunch* (staggered)
1.30	Rehearsal
3.00	Afternoon Tea*
3.30	Rehearsal
5.00	Close**
5.45	Assemble for warm-up
6.00	<b>Concert</b> (duration approx. 45 mins, casual dress)

\*St George's Singers' famous and delicious homemade food (soup, rolls) is available to purchase at lunchtime, and cakes will be served with afternoon tea.

\*\*Tea/coffee will be available between end of rehearsals and pre-concert assembly.

**Please bring some friends along to the concert!**  
**Tickets £5 (£1 students).**

### About Neil Taylor

Neil is a sought-after and renowned choral director, organist, piano accompanist, teacher and coach, based in the north west of England. After winning a scholarship to the Royal College of Music, he held appointments at St Albans and Norwich cathedrals, and was Organist and Director of Music at Sheffield Cathedral from 1997 to 2016, during which time the cathedral choir toured both at home and abroad and broadcast frequently on BBC Radios 2 and 3. His CD recordings include *Music for a Millennium*, a *Classic FM* magazine 'CD of the Year' award winner, and nine critically-acclaimed CD recordings with the cathedral choir. As solo organist, he has played at many major UK venues, and has worked with the Hallé, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, Royal Northern Sinfonia and Welsh National Opera orchestras. As well as Musical Director of St George's Singers, Neil is also MD of The Sheffield Chorale, Artistic Director of the Keele Bach Choir, and appears frequently with the BBC as Musical Director and Organist on BBC *Songs of Praise*, *Daily Service* and *Sunday Worship*.

## ST GEORGE'S SINGERS 2019-20 Season

Sunday 20 October 2019, 7.30 pm  
Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

**Brahms: *Song of Destiny***

Saturday 23 November 2019, 7.30 pm  
Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester  
**Mozart *Requiem*, McDowall *Magnificat***

Saturday 7 December 2019, 7.00 pm  
St George's Church, Stockport  
**Carols and Brass by Candlelight**

Saturday 28 March 2020, 7.30 pm  
St Michael and All Angels Church, Bramhall  
**Simple Gifts (works by Brahms, Britten, Copland, Tormis)**

Sunday 28 June 2020, 7.30 pm  
Gorton Monastery, Manchester  
**Gretchaninov *Vespers*, Vaughan Williams *Mass in G minor*, *The Lark Ascending***

**Tickets available from the Ticket Hotline 01663 764012, by email at [tickets@st-georges-singers.org.uk](mailto:tickets@st-georges-singers.org.uk), or online at [www.st-georges-singers.org.uk](http://www.st-georges-singers.org.uk) (go to Online Tickets). (Tickets for Brahms *Song of Destiny* available from Bridgewater Hall).  
**Group discounts, concessions and student rates available.****

### About the music

John Rutter, recognised by many principally as a celebrated composer of Christmas carols, and regarded by David Willcocks as 'the most gifted composer of his generation', has also achieved international success with his longer works: the *Gloria*, the *Magnificat*, and most especially, the *Requiem*. Composed in 1985 in response to a personal bereavement, the *Requiem* was premiered by the Fox Valley Festival Chorus in Illinois the same year. It is not a complete setting of the Mass for the Dead, but a meditation on themes of life and death, using Rutter's own selection of texts drawn from the Requiem Mass and the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. A concert work rather than a liturgical Requiem, it was chosen for performance at the many memorial services held across the United States following the tragic events of 9/11, bringing with it a message of hope and comfort.

Rutter's music is effortlessly singable, which doesn't mean that musical director Neil Taylor will be satisfied with anything other than 110% energy and enthusiasm from all the singers – with Pete Durrant, our indefatigable one-man orchestra, leading the way!

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Please register me to sing:

Soprano    Alto    Tenor    Bass

The Singing Ticket price includes music hire, morning coffee and afternoon tea (including cakes). Home-made soup and filled rolls will be available to purchase for lunch, price £4.

	No.	Price	Total cost
Singing ticket including music hire	<input type="text"/>	£22	£
Student singing including music hire	<input type="text"/>	£5	£
Concert tickets	<input type="text"/>	£5	£
Concert tickets - Student	<input type="text"/>	£1	£
<b>TOTAL</b>			£

How did you hear about this Singing Day?

SGS choir member    Other participant  
 SGS season brochure    Flyer / poster (please state where seen)  
 SGS website  
 Another website  
 Mailing / email from SGS    Other (please describe)  
 Local press

**Our Singing Day gets booked up very early - so please book early to secure your place.**

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