

Singing Day 2019

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 6JR. 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 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 'SD19' 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*

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. On Tuesday 23 April 2019 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.

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 regular prize draws, 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.

General enquiries: 01625 875437
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 St George's Singers



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Saturday 19 January 2019

St George's Church
London Road, Poynton

9.30 am registration, 6.00 pm concert

St George's Singers Singing Day 2019

Gounod: *St Cecilia Mass*

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

Musical Director	Neil Taylor
Accompanist	Pete Durrant
Soloists	Léonie Maxwell Christopher Littlewood Robert Brooks
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St George's Church,
London Road, Poynton SK12 1NF

St George's Church has limited parking.
Please use Civic Hall 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
4.45	Close**
5.45	Assemble for warm-up
6.00	Concert (duration approx. 1 hour, 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 2018-19 Season

Sunday 23 September 2018, 7.00 pm
Gorton Monastery, Manchester

Mahler: Symphony No 2 'The Resurrection'

Saturday 29 September 2018, 10.30 am–5.00 pm
St John's Minster, Preston

Sing Together – a Whittingham Lives event

Saturday 24 November 2018, 7.30 pm
Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester

A Hundred Years On (featuring Chichester Psalms)

Saturday 8 December 2018, 7.00 pm
St George's Church, Stockport

Carol and Brass by Candlelight

Sunday 31 March 2019, 7.30 pm
Gorton Monastery, Manchester

Bach: Mass in B minor

Saturday 8 June 2019, 7.30 pm
St George's Church, Poynton

The Well-Conducted Tour

Friday 5 July 2019, 7.30 pm
Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

Mahler: Symphony No 8, 'Symphony of a Thousand'

Tickets available from the Ticket Hotline 01663 764012, by email at tickets@st-georges-singers.org.uk, or online at www.st-georges-singers.org.uk (go to Online Tickets).

Group discounts, concessions and student rates available.

About the music

As a youth, Charles François Gounod intended to become a priest, but eventually decided he was unsuited for the priesthood, and expressed his devotion in numerous works of sacred music. The *Messe Solennelle de Sainte Cécile*, dedicated to the patron saint of musicians, was his first major work, premiered in the Church of St Eustache in Paris on Saint Cecilia's Day, 22 November 1855. Gounod's ability to compose dramatic music is clearly evident: the Gloria and Credo are famous for their power and memorable melodies, whilst the climax of the Sanctus, with its extended tenor solo, is breathtaking. Saint-Saëns ranked the Mass amongst Gounod's best works, commenting that 'this serene light which rose before the musical world like a breaking dawn, troubled people enormously ... at first one was dazzled, then charmed, then conquered'. The day will be led by Neil Taylor, who will bring sensitive musical interpretation, technical brilliance and good humour to the day's singing, whilst Pete 'Ironman' Durrant dazzles with his orchestral impersonation.

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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.

Note: edition used will be Novello.

	No.	Price	Total cost
Singing ticket including music hire		£22	£
Student singing including music hire		£5	£
Concert tickets		£5	£
Concert tickets - Student		£1	£
		TOTAL	£

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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