

Singing Day 2022

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 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 'SD22' (live event) or 'SDZm22' (streamed event) as the reference. Once your fee has been received, your place will be confirmed by email.

Bank Details:

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

Title First name

Surname

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email

Mailing List Registration

Please include me on your mailing list (please tick)

I agree to my details being stored on the Choir's database and used for publicity relating to St George's Singers only (please tick)

I understand my details will not be divulged to third parties (please tick)

I would prefer to receive information by:

Email Post (please tick one)

To reduce costs, please consider receiving information by email.

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.

With around 100 members who travel from Cheshire, Derbyshire, Yorkshire and Greater Manchester, we perform an extensive and varied repertoire, including baroque, classical, jazz, modern and newly commissioned choral works. We sing in major con-cert venues including Bridgewater Hall, Royal Northern College of Music, Stoller Hall and Gorton Monastery, and tour regularly in the UK and overseas.

If you would like to join St George's Singers, please contact Jacqui Smith on 01625 875437. We rehearse every Tuesday in Poynton at 7.30pm.

About Neil Taylor

Neil Taylor is a sought-after and renowned choral director, organist, piano accompanist, teacher and coach. He is Music Director of St George's Singers and Keele Bach Choir; he appears regularly with the BBC as Musical Director and Organist on *Songs of Praise*, the *BBC Young Chorister of the Year* finals, the *Daily Service*, and *Sunday Worship*. His recordings include *Music for a Millennium*, a *Classic FM* magazine 'Disc of the Year' award winner, and numerous releases as organist and conductor, all to high critical acclaim. As solo organist, he has worked with the Hallé Orchestra, Northern Chamber Orchestra, Manchester Camerata, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, Royal Northern Sinfonia, the Orchestra of Opera North, Huddersfield Choral Society, and the Orchestra of Welsh National Opera.

Neil will be leading the Singing Day with his usual good humour, technical expertise and sensitive musical interpretation, courageously assisted by accompanist Pete Durrant, who will be impersonating an entire symphony orchestra on the piano.

General enquiries: 01625 875437
Singing Day enquiries: 01925 213949
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 St George's Singers



St George's Singers is a registered charity (no 508686) and a member of Making Music, the National Federation of Music Societies



Saturday 22 January 2022
St George's Church
London Road, Poynton
10.00 am registration, 5.30 pm concert

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Stravinsky: Symphony of Psalms

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*Join us live in Poynton
or stream the event to your home!*

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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Programme for the day

10.00	Registration and coffee
10.30	Rehearsal
12.15	Lunch* (staggered)
13.30	Rehearsal
15.00	Afternoon Tea*
15.30	Rehearsal
16.45	Close**
17.15	Assemble for warm-up
17.30	Concert (duration approx. 45 mins, casual dress)

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

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

Location

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



St George's Church has limited parking. Please use the Civic Hall car park if possible (5 minutes walk), located behind Waitrose on Park Lane. Long-stay spaces are located at the back of the car park. If you require a disabled parking space at the church, please contact us in advance.

Singing Day: Live or online!

Following the success of our 2021 Virtual Singing Day, this year's Singing Day will be both live AND streamed via Zoom. So you can choose to join us in person in Poynton or sing along with us online.

Live event

The following procedures will be in place on the day:

- All participants are expected to have taken a lateral flow test before coming to the event.
- Masks should be worn on entering, leaving and moving around the Church and Church Hall.
- Numbers of participants will be limited to provide more space for each singer.
- The Church and Church Hall will be ventilated throughout the day.
- To minimise queues, all food and drink will be pre-portioned, individually wrapped/ready served in cups.

Streamed event

Once you have registered, we will send you the link to access the streamed event. You do not need to have Zoom loaded on your PC/tablet.

About the Music

Igor Stravinsky (1882–1971) was born near St Petersburg, but moved to Switzerland, then France, before settling in the United States where he became a naturalised US citizen. The *Symphony of Psalms* was commissioned by Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1930, when Stravinsky was living in Nice, during what is described as his neo-classical period. At this time of his life Stravinsky was an observant Orthodox believer, and his treatment of the Psalms reflects the depth of his religious belief. The work is in three movements and sets the words of Psalms 39, 40 and 150, the first two dealing with human penitence, sinfulness and longed-for salvation, the third and longest movement celebrating God through music. There are references to classical styles as well as moments that resonate with Stravinsky's recent music. But it is the new sounds, forms and shapes of the *Symphony of Psalms* that define the piece as a sincere expression of the composer's unique approach to the Psalms. In his own words: 'It is not a symphony in which I have included Psalms to be sung; it is the singing of the Psalms that I am symphonising.'

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	No.	Price	Total cost
Live event singing ticket*		£22	£
Live event student ticket*		£5	£
Zoom singing ticket**		£12	£
Concert ticket (live event)		£5	£
Student concert ticket (live)		£1	£
TOTAL			£

*including music hire – scores to be collected on the day

**including music hire – PDFs will be emailed for one-time use only

If registering for the live event, please indicate your voice part:

Soprano Alto Tenor Bass

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
 Local press
 Other (please describe)

Our Singing Day gets booked up very early, and this year places for the live event at Poynton are more restricted because of Covid-19 precautions.

Please register as soon as possible to secure your place.

For up-to-date information about the Singing Day, please visit our website

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