

Singing Day 2018

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete both sides of this form and return with your cheque, made payable to **St George's Singers Poynton**, to:
Gillian Banks, 55 Field Lane, Appleton, Warrington, WA4 5JR.
For more information tel 01925 213949,
email stgeorgessingingday@gmail.com.

If you would like confirmation that your place has been reserved, please provide your email address below, or send a stamped, addressed envelope with your registration form.

Title First name

Last name

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email

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

FUTURE SINGING DAYS
I would like to receive future mailings from St George's Singers and I understand that my name and address will not be disclosed to any other organisation.

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 24 April 2018 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.

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 St George's Singers



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Saturday 20 January 2018
St George's Church
London Road, Poynton
9.30 am registration, 6.00 pm concert

St George's Singers Singing Day 2018

Haydn: *The Creation* *Parts 1 and 2*

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

Musical Director Neil Taylor
Accompanist Pete Durrant
Soloists Members of the Turton Consort:
Leonie Maxwell
Ranald McCusker
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 and Artistic Director of the Keele Bach Choir, and appears frequently with the BBC as Musical Director and Organist on BBC *Daily Service* and *Sunday Worship*.

ST GEORGE'S SINGERS 2017-18 Season

Saturday 21 October 2017, 7.30 pm
Stoller Hall, Chetham's School of Music, Manchester

Rachmaninov Vespers

Saturday 9 December 2017, 7.00 pm
St George's Church, Buxton Road, Stockport

'Carols and Brass by Candlelight'

Monday 11 December 2017, 7.30 pm
Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

'John Rutter's Christmas Festival'

Saturday 13 January 2018, 7.30 pm
St George's Church, London Road, Poynton

Handel Messiah

Saturday 17 March 2018, 7.30 pm
St George's Church, London Road, Poynton

'Music for Passiontide'

Saturday 23 June 2018, 7.30 pm
St George's Church, Buxton Road, Stockport

Durufé Requiem / Pizzetti Messa da Requiem

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 for all concerts.

About the music

When Haydn returned to Vienna from London in August 1795, he took with him an English libretto entitled *The Creation of the World*, prepared some 50 years earlier and based on the Book of Genesis, Milton's *Paradise Lost*, and the Psalms. The author is unknown, but it is fairly certain the text had been intended for Handel. This alone gave it particular appeal to Haydn, who had been enthralled by Handel's mastery of the dramatic choruses, vivid orchestration and expressive arias of the 'English' oratorio. Haydn arranged for a German translation, and immediately set about composing his own oratorio, *The Creation*, which received its first public performance on 19 March 1799 to overwhelming acclaim. It remains one of the most popular of all oratorios.

Musical Director Neil Taylor will be guiding us through this choral 'Big Bang' with his usual interpretative insight and invaluable vocal tips, whilst accompanist Pete Durrant will (also as usual) be representing chaos. Our soloists this year are all members of Manchester-based ensemble, The Turton Consort, and featuring SGS' new Assistant MD, Robert Brooks.

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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 has been fully booked for the last five seasons - so please book early to secure your place.

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