

## Singing Day 2024

### 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 'SD24' 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

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## 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 concert 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, organist and keyboard studies teacher at Rossall School; he appears regularly with the BBC as Musical Director and Organist on *Songs of Praise*, and 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, Northern Chamber Orchestra, Manchester Camerata, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, Royal Northern Sinfonia, the Orchestra of Opera North, the Orchestra of Welsh National Opera, John Rutter, Huddersfield Choral and the Exon Singers.

With his technical expertise and sensitive musical interpretation, backed up by a store of invaluable vocal tips, choral anecdotes (and a few bad jokes), Neil always ensures everyone has a thoroughly enjoyable day's singing. To complete the professional line-up, Neil will be joined by St George's Singers' amazing accompanist Pete Durrant.

**General enquiries: 01625 875437**

**Singing Day enquiries: 01925 213949**

**[www.st-georges-singers.org.uk](http://www.st-georges-singers.org.uk)**



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



Saturday 20 January 2024

St George's Church

London Road, Poynton

9.30 am registration, 5.30 pm concert

## St George's Singers

### Singing Day 2024

## Ethel Smyth

### Mass in D

**"One of the crowning glories of the British choral tradition."**



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**Accompanist** Pete Durrant

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## Programme for the day

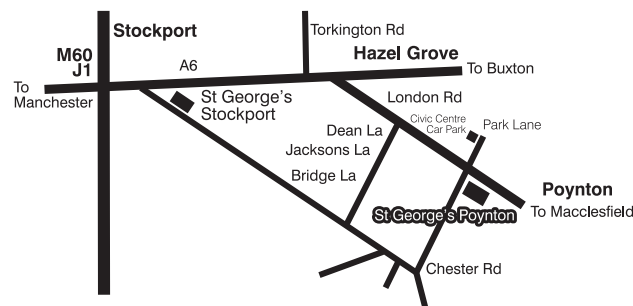
9.30	Registration and coffee
10.15	Rehearsal
12.15	Lunch* (staggered)
13.30	Rehearsal
15.00	Afternoon Tea*
15.30	Rehearsal
17.00	Close
17.25	Assemble
17.30	<b>Concert</b> (duration approx. 45 mins, casual dress)

\*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.

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

## 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.

## ST GEORGE'S SINGERS 2023-24 Season

### Saturday 18 November 2023

St George's Church, Stockport  
WOMEN OF NOTE

### Saturday 9 December 2023

St George's Church, Stockport  
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

### Saturday 20 January 2024

St George's Church, Poynton  
SINGING DAY: ETHEL SMYTH *MASS IN D*

### Saturday 23 March 2024

Holy Name Church, Manchester  
MUSIC FOR PASSIONTIDE

### Saturday 15 / Saturday 22 June 2024

Huddersfield Town Hall / Manchester Cathedral  
JANÁČEK *GLAGOLITIC MASS*, *POULENC GLORIA*

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). Group discounts and student rates available.

## About the Music

Born in 1858, at the height of the Victorian age, Ethel Smyth fought against the societal restrictions that prevented women from having a profession. She was the first woman composer to have an opera performed at New York's Metropolitan Opera and was heavily involved in the Suffragette movement, which adopted her song *The March of the Women* as its anthem, and which Thomas Beecham saw her conducting with her toothbrush from the window of Holloway Prison!

But it is Smyth's glorious music rather than her activism that we celebrate in our 2024 Singing Day. Internationally recognised in her day, but almost forgotten since her death in 1944, Smyth's body of work includes orchestral and chamber music, operas and librettos, concertos, keyboard works, choral and vocal pieces.

Her *Mass in D* was performed at the BBC Proms in 2022, the first time since Smyth's own lifetime, and was described as 'one of the crowning glories of the British choral tradition'. If you have never heard or sung this work before, please come and join us for a day of exciting musical discovery.

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	No.	Price	Total cost
Singing ticket inc music hire		£25	£
Student ticket inc music hire		£5	£
Audience ticket		£5	£
Student concert ticket		£1	£
TOTAL			£

The Singing Ticket price includes music hire (printed scores available on the day), morning coffee and afternoon tea (including cakes). Home-made soup and filled rolls will be available to purchase for lunch, price £5.

If you can use a tablet instead of a printed score, we would be grateful. Please tick the box. ☐  
The score will be emailed to you.

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, so please register as soon as possible to secure your place.

**Special Covid precautions will not be adopted at the Singing Day, but we do ask participants not to attend on the day if they are unwell.**

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

[www.st-georges-singers.org.uk](http://www.st-georges-singers.org.uk)

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