

Singing Day 2017

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 gillian.m.banks@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, 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 21 March 2017 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 £20 (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 442 9370, or email friends@st-georges-singers.org.uk.

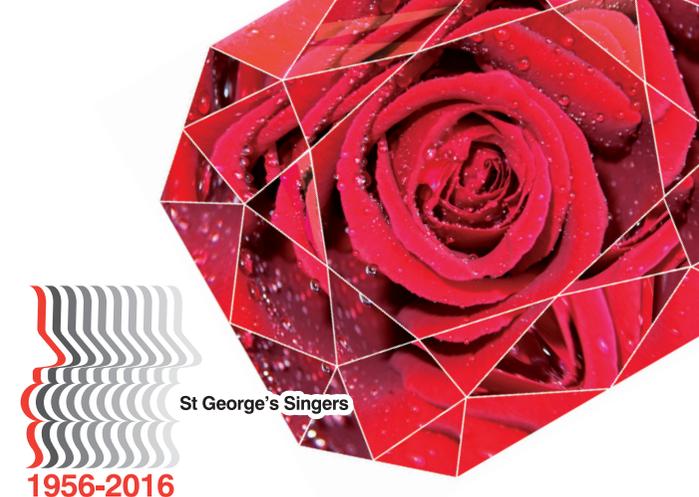
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60th Anniversary Season

Saturday 21 January 2017
St George's Church
London Road, Poynton
9.30 am registration, 6.00 pm concert

St George's Singers Singing Day 2017

Vivaldi: *Gloria and Magnificat*

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

Musical Director Neil Taylor
Accompanist Peter Durrant
Soloists Eleanor Garside
Sophie Goldrick
Joanna Harries

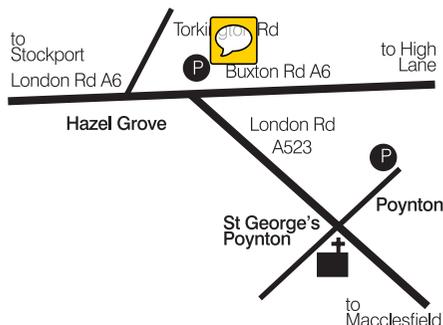
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St George's Church,
London Road, Poynton SK12 1NH

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*
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

The Conductor for our Singing Day is **Neil Taylor**, a highly experienced choral conductor and musical director as well as an acclaimed organist.

A former chorister of Bradford Cathedral, Neil won a scholarship to the RCM in 1986. He was Organ Scholar at St Albans Cathedral and Assistant Organist at Norwich Cathedral before moving to Sheffield Cathedral where he was Organist and Director of Music from 1997 to 2016. He has directed and assisted at choral courses in Aldeburgh, Austria, Italy and Mexico, as well as the famous Eton Choral Courses. Neil joined St George's Singers as Musical Director in 2006, and since then has guided the Choir through many critically acclaimed performances at Bridgewater Hall, RNCM, Gorton Monastery, and on successful tours in the UK and abroad.

Neil is also Musical Director of The Sheffield Chorale.

ST GEORGE'S SINGERS 2016-17 60th Anniversary Season

Saturday 26 November 2016, 7.30 pm
Royal Northern College of Music, Oxford Road, Manchester
Brahms *Ein Deutsches Requiem*

Saturday 10 December 2016, 7.00 pm
Norbury Church, London Road, Hazel Grove
Carols and Brass by Candlelight

Saturday 22 April 2017, 7.30 pm
Royal Northern College of Music, Oxford Road, Manchester
Diamond Anniversary Concert

Sunday 25 June 2017, 7.30 pm
The Monastery, Gorton, Manchester
Verdi *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

Given Vivaldi's popularity today, it seems incredible that most of his compositions lay forgotten for almost 200 years, until in the 1920s the music librarian of the city of Turin came across the composer's personal collection of manuscripts. Since its re-discovery, the *Gloria* has become one of the most famous gems of the choral repertoire, and forms the centrepiece of our Diamond Anniversary Singing Day. For extra sparkle, we will also be learning and performing Vivaldi's less well known, but no less brilliant, *Magnificat*, a work which was probably even more widely circulated in his lifetime than the *Gloria*.



St George's Singers' musical director, Neil Taylor, will be giving us expert tuition in the art of choral singing, and preparing us for the concert later in the day. He will be joined by accompanist Pete Durrant, who will be emulating a baroque orchestra on the piano. Please come and join us for a very special Anniversary Singing Day, culminating in a great performance with three wonderful young soloists.

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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 of *Gloria* will be OUP Everett, 1996.

	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 four seasons - so please book early to secure your place.

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