

Singing Day 2010

To register, please post this form with a cheque, made payable to **St George's Singers**, to:

Gillian Banks, 55 Field Lane, Appleton, Warrington, WA4 5JR
For more information telephone 01925 213949
or email gillian.m.banks@tesco.net

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 booking form.

Title First name

Last name

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email

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 in accordance with the provisions of the UK Data Protection Act 1984. (Please tick box).

Would you like to receive this information by:

Email Post

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

St George's Singers is a busy, friendly choir firmly established as one of the finest in the North West.

St George's Singers was formed in Poynton, Cheshire in 1956 with 23 founding members drawn from the local community. Today, the Choir has nearly 120 members who travel from Cheshire, Derbyshire, Yorkshire and Greater Manchester, and is widely recognised as one of the most enterprising and innovative choirs in the North of England.

The Choir has an extensive repertoire, including classical, modern and newly commissioned choral works, performs in venues throughout Greater Manchester and Cheshire, including The Bridgewater Hall and the Royal Northern College of Music, and tours regularly in the UK and overseas.

Weekly rehearsals, Tuesdays at 7.30pm

New voices always welcome!

WHY NOT BECOME A FRIEND OF ST GEORGE'S SINGERS?

For just £10, you receive priority booking, reserved seats, **Hemiola** - the choir's newsletter - occasional pre-concert talks, special rates on CDs, and an invitation to our Annual Reception.

To join contact Jean Egerton:
friends@st-georges-singers.org.uk or on 01625 871371

For more information about St George's Singers and to see details of past concerts and tours please visit our website at

www.st-georges-singers.org.uk



Saturday 16 January 2010
St George's Church, Poynton

St George's Singers Singing Day 2010

Dvořák: Mass in D

(Novello edition)

Kodály: Pangue Lingua

(Universal edition)

Musical Director Neil Taylor
Accompanist Jeffrey Makinson

President Dame Joan Bakewell
Vice-Presidents Susan Roper
Mark Rowlinson
Stephen Threlfall
Stephen Williams

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St George's Church, Poynton

St George's Church has limited parking, please use the Civic Hall car park if possible (5 minutes' walk)



- 9.30 Registration and coffee
- 10.15 Rehearsal
- 12.15 Lunch*
- 1.15 Rehearsal
- 2.45 Tea
- 3.15 Rehearsal
- 4.30 Close
- 5.30 Assemble for warm-up
- 6.00 **Concert** St George's Church, Poynton
(duration approx. 1 hour, casual dress)

*Homemade food (soup, rolls etc.) is available to purchase at lunchtime. Cakes will be served with afternoon tea.

Please bring some friends along to the concert!

Neil Taylor

Neil Taylor is an 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 taking up the post of Organist and Master of the Music at Sheffield Cathedral in 1997. Neil joined St George's Singers as Musical Director in September 2006. Neil has directed and assisted at choral courses in Aldeburgh, Austria, Italy and Mexico, as well as the famous Eton Choral Courses, and is also Artistic Director of the Sheffield Cathedral Arts Festival.

2009-2010 Season

Sunday 8 November 2009, 7.30pm
Royal Northern College of Music, Oxford Road, Manchester

Will Todd *Mass in Blue*

RNCM Jazz Collective

Soloist Tina May

Saturday 5 December 2009, 7.30pm
St George's Church, Buxton Road, Stockport

Carols and Brass by Candlelight

With extracts from *Messiah*
With VBS Poynton Brass Band

Saturday 20 March 2010, 7.30pm
The Monastery, Gorton, Manchester

Monteverdi *Vespers*

Chetham's Baroque Orchestra

Soprano Clare Lloyd, Amy Wood

Tenor Peter Davoren, Richard Dowling

Baritone Marcus Farnsworth, Johnny Herford

Saturday 26 June 2010, 7.30pm
St George's Church, Buxton Road, Stockport

German Masterworks

Choral works by Bach, Mendelssohn and Brahms

Tickets available from the Ticket Hotline 01663 764012, by email at tickets@st-georges-singers.org.uk, and online at www.st-georges-singers.org.uk.

Group discounts, concessions and student rates are available for all concerts.

Antonín Dvořák was born in a Bohemian village near Prague in 1841 and followed Smetana as the leading exponent of Czech musical nationalism. After working as a violinist under Smetana, with encouragement from Brahms, Dvořák devoted the major part of his life to composition.

The *Mass in D*, written in 1887, is the only surviving of Dvořák's three mass settings. One of the most beautiful pieces of choral music, the work was originally written for choir (with small solo parts) and organ, to dedicate a small chapel. However, the spiritual impulse behind the piece is personal tragedy: the loss of two daughters and a son led Dvořák to immerse himself in his work, and the moving *Mass in D* is one of the results.

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Please register me to sing:

Soprano Alto

Tenor Bass

Singing ticket price includes music hire, morning coffee and afternoon tea.

	No.	Price	Total cost
Singing ticket including music hire	<input type="text"/>	£20	£
Student singing including music hire	<input type="text"/>	£4	£
Concert tickets	<input type="text"/>	£5	£
Concert tickets - Student	<input type="text"/>	£1	£
TOTAL			£

How did you hear about St George's Singers' 2010 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

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