# Singing Day 2011

St George's Church, Poynton



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

Concert St George's Church, Poynton 6.00 (duration approx. 1 hour, casual dress)

## 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.

### 2010-2011 Season

Saturday 13 November 2010, 7.30pm St George's Church, London Road, Poynton

#### Visions of Albion

English choral music of the 20th century, including Parry, Holst, Vaughan Williams and Finzi

Saturday 4 December 2010, 7.30pm St George's Church, Buxton Road, Stockport

#### Carols and Brass by Candlelight

With Vernon Building Society Poynton Brass Band Ticket price includes mulled wine and mince pies

Tuesday 19 April 2011, 7.30pm The Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

#### **Bach St John Passion**

Manchester Camerata **Conductor** Nicholas Kraemer

Saturday 25 June 2011, 7.30pm The Monastery, Gorton, Manchester

#### **Eastern Voices**

Sacred choral music from Eastern Europe

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 (go to Online Tickets).

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

This year's Singing Day brings an opportunity to sing one of Haydn's most popular works, the Missa in angustiis ('Mass in straitened times'). Written in a mere fifty-three days during July and August 1798, the work reflects the political and economic turmoil caused by the Napoleonic wars raging throughout Europe, and gained its nickname (Nelson Mass) two years later when the Admiral visited Haydn's patron, Prince Esterhazy in Eisenstadt, Austria. One of a series of choral masterpieces stemming from the composer's last years, the Nelson Mass combines drama, sophistication, intricate musical development and thrilling choruses.

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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		£20	£		
Student singing including music hire		£4	£		
Concert tickets		£5	£		
Concert tickets - Student		£1	£		
		TOTAL	£		
How did you hear about St George's Singers' 2011 Singing Day?					
SGS choir member Other participant					
SGS season brochure Flyer / poster					
SGS website	(piease s	state where s	seen)		
Another website	Other	Oth			
Mailing / email from SGS					
Local press					
For more information about St Geor	ae's Sinaer	s and to se	e details		

of past concerts and tours please visit our website at

#### 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.

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

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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@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 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, the Royal Northern College of Music and The Monastery, Gorton, and tours regularly in the UK and overseas.

### Weekly rehearsals, Tuesdays at 7.30pm

New voices always welcome!

Contact Jacqui Smith by email at enquiries@st-georges-singers.org.uk or telephone 01625 533779

# 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, an invitation to our Annual Reception and a Prize Draw.

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

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Saturday 15 January 2011 St George's Church, Poynton

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Haydn: Nelson Mass (Missa in angustiis)

Musical Director
Accompanist
Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

Neil Taylor
Jeffrey Makinson
Rebecca Lea
Rebecca Anderson
Richard Dowling
David Hansford

President Vice-Presidents Brigit Forsyth Susan Roper Mark Rowlinson Stephen Threlfall Stephen Williams