

# Singing Day 2016

## 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 533779, or email enquiries@st-georges-singers.org.uk. On Tuesday 26 April 2016 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](http://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 442 9370, or email friends@st-georges-singers.org.uk.

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 St George's Singers



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



Saturday 16 January 2016  
St George's Church  
London Road, Poynton  
9.30 am registration, 6.00 pm concert

# St George's Singers Singing Day 2016

## Mendelssohn: *Elijah* (Part 1)

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

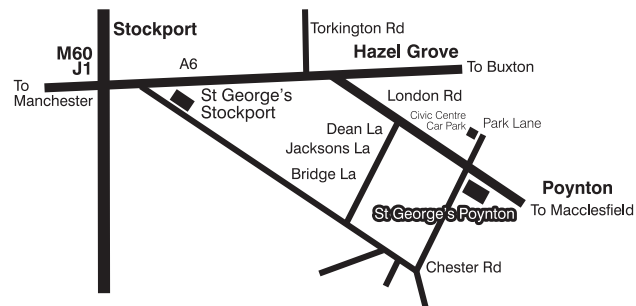
**Musical Director** Neil Taylor  
**Accompanist** Peter Durrant  
**Soloists** Eleanor Gregory  
Cara Curran  
Timothy Langston  
Terence Ayebare  
**President** Marcus Farnsworth MA ARAM  
**Vice-Presidents** Susan Roper  
Mark Rowlinson  
Stephen Threlfall  
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## Singing Day 2016

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

St George's Church has limited parking.  
Please use Civic Hall car park if possible (5 minutes walk), located behind Waitrose on Park Lane.



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| 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  | <b>Concert</b> (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 in 1997, where he is Director of Music. 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 2015-16 Season

Saturday 10 October 2015, 7.30 pm  
Stockport Town Hall, Edward St, Stockport  
**Beethoven 'Choral Symphony'**

Saturday 21 November 2015, 7.30 pm  
Royal Northern College of Music, Oxford Road, Manchester  
**Mozart Mass in C minor**

Saturday 5 December 2015, 7.00 pm  
St George's Church, Buxton Road, Stockport  
**Carols and Brass by Candlelight**

Saturday 23 April 2016, 7.30 pm  
St George's Church, London Road, Poynton  
**Sounds and Sweet Airs – a Shakespeare Celebration**

Sunday 26 June 2016, 7.30 pm  
The Monastery, Gorton, Manchester  
**Vaughan Williams A Sea Symphony**

**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, concessions and student rates available for all concerts.**

### About the music

Written for the Birmingham Festival in 1845, Elijah was an instant success, and remains one of the most popular choral, as well as one of Mendelssohn's greatest, works. At the Singing Day we will be concentrating on Part 1, which tells the story in vivid and dramatic choruses and arias of the vengeful and fierce prophet Elijah, depicting the revival of a dying child, his confrontation with the worshippers of Baal, and the arrival of rains to alleviate the drought afflicting his people.

Our musical director for the day, Neil Taylor, will be giving us expert vocal and choral tuition. This is the Singing Day debut of our new accompanist, Pete Durrant, who will appropriately be working up a storm on the piano as the 'fire descends from heaven' and the 'waters rush along'. The performance at the end of the day will be completed by a wonderful quartet of young soloists. If you have never sung Elijah before – or even if you have and want to do it again! – this is a great opportunity to perform one of the great choral tours de force.

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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 |
|---|-----|--------------|------------|
| <b>Singing ticket including music hire</b>  |     | £22          | £          |
| <b>Student singing including music hire</b> |     | £4           | £          |
| <b>Concert tickets</b>                      |     | £5           | £          |
| <b>Concert tickets - Student</b>            |     | £1           | £          |
|   |     | <b>TOTAL</b> | £          |

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

For more information about St George's Singers, to see details of concerts, read reviews, and find out about all our other activities, please visit our website at [www.st-georges-singers.org.uk](http://www.st-georges-singers.org.uk), where you can sign up to our mailing list

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