



**Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Rickmansworth**  
The Church of England and The Methodist Church in Partnership

**A chance to achieve an ambition... come and sing**

# HANDEL'S MESSIAH

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2008**

Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Rickmansworth

Afternoon Rehearsal at 1.45 – 5.00 pm

Evening Concert at 7.30 pm



Proceeds towards the  
Church Centre Silver Anniversary Appeal

St Mary's Church is raising funds for the refurbishment of its Church Centre and would be delighted if you could join us in a celebratory sing-along with a performance of Handel's great masterpiece, Messiah. No singing or musical training is necessary; just come along and join in. This is the perfect opportunity for all you bathroom singers to be part of a choral event.

Andrew Sykes, St Mary's expert professional organist will be playing; Tim Venvell, Music Director of Wycombe Boys Grammar School, will be conducting and we have three local soloists for the arias.

The day will be great fun and we will make great music.

## **How does it work?**

We form the choir for a mass sing-along through ten of the most popular choruses, including the Hallelujah chorus, and listen to nine arias/recitatives for the soloists. Tim will guide us through the choruses during the afternoon rehearsal from 1.45 pm – 5.00 pm. There is then a break for you to relax before the concert in the evening at 7.30pm.

In order to get the most enjoyment from the day you will need to be familiar with the music. Never sung it? Never mind, we have organised a preparation pack of a special score and CDs with which you can do some homework.

## **Dress Code for the Concert**

- Black skirt/trousers and white blouses for ladies
- Dark suits for gentlemen.

There will be limited changing facilities in the Church Centre between the afternoon rehearsal and the evening concert.

## **Refreshments**

Light refreshments will be provided for the mid-rehearsal break in the afternoon, but not in the break between rehearsal and concert. There is a wide range of restaurants and pubs within walking distance from the Church.

**Ticket A: Messiah Score including 2 CDs**

**Price: £20 Each (£15 Students 22 and under)**

This ticket is for people who do not possess a score of the Messiah and who may never have sung it before. you will be given a ‘Messiah From Scratch’ pack, containing a full score of all the choruses and 2 CDs.

There are four voice versions of the pack (Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass) with the appropriate vocal part printed in a larger size so that you can follow the words and notes more easily.

CD 1 contains all 21 choruses professionally recorded with orchestra and choir, but with your part louder; so you can familiarise yourself with the whole work, though we will focus on the ten most popular choruses.

The score also contains note-finding cues, vocal warm-ups and practice exercises with links to:

CD 2 which builds on the information in the score with exercises to help prepare for the performance and the more difficult passages slowed down to assist learning.

This pack is the officially recommended study work for Concerts From Scratch, organisers of the world’s largest “Messiah From Scratch”.

**Ticket B: Event Only Ticket**

**Price: £15 Each (£10 Students 22 and under)**

This ticket is for people who **DO** possess a score of Messiah, either Prout or Watkins Shaw, though if you have a choice bring the Watkins Shaw edition. This ticket allows you to sing in the afternoon rehearsal and the evening concert.

**The Concert**

After all your hard work in the afternoon, it is good to sing to an audience. So, please encourage friends and family to come and listen to you in the evening.

There is no charge for listening, though there will be a retiring collection.

However, wine will be on offer for post-concert conviviality.

**BOOKING FORM**

		<b>Voice</b>	<b>No required</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Ticket A: Messiah Score &amp; 2 CDs</b> Please book as soon as possible to give us a chance to get the scores to you! Please add £1 per book to cover postage.	Adult @ £20 Student @ £15	SOPRANO		
		ALTO		
		TENOR		
		BASS		
<b>Ticket B: Event Only</b> Please book by 20th June	Adult @ £15 Student @ £10	SOPRANO		
		ALTO		
		TENOR		
		BASS		
<b>Total</b> (Please make cheques payable to ‘St Mary’s Church, Rickmansworth’)				

**Voice:** please let us know about your voice so we can balance the choir *and* ensure that you receive the correct score for your voice part.

Please send this booking form to:

Sue Howse  
 19 Nightingale Road  
 Rickmansworth  
 Herts WD3 7DE

Please mark your envelope **MESSIAH**

Further information: please ring 01923 771168

Please send my tickets/score(s) to:

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Telephone Number: .....