



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

Come and Sing

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Sunday 31st January 2010

Afternoon Rehearsal at 1.45 - 5pm

Evening Concert at 7.00pm

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, you just come along and join in. This is the perfect opportunity for you choristers to bring along your family, friends and bathroom singers to be part of a choral event. If they can sing hymns they can sing this Messiah.

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 soloists for some of the arias to give us some entertainment and to rest our voices.

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 1.45pm - 5pm. There is then a break for you to relax before the concert in the evening at 7.00pm.

In order to get the most enjoyment from the day you will need to be familiar with the music. For friends who have never sung it, we have organised a number of hire copies (£2.00 each) which can be picked up on the day – please ensure that these are returned at the end of the day!

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 of the Church.

TICKET A **Event + Hire of the Messiah Score**

Price: £17 Each (£12 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.

TICKET B **Event Only**

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.

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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.

Fundraising

This is a fundraising event with all proceeds going towards the (now completed) refurbishment of the Church Centre.

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Event plus hire of Messiah Score

- Number of Ticket A @ £17
- Student @ £12

Event Ticket Only

- Number of Ticket B @ £15
- Student @ £10

Cheque Total

Please make cheques payable to St. Mary's Church, Rickmansworth

Voice

Please fill in the table below so we can balance the choir *and* ensure that there are sufficient hire scores.

	Ticket A with Hire of Score		Ticket B Bringing OWN score
Soprano			
Alto			
Tenor			
Bass			

Please send this booking sheet in an envelope marked **MESSIAH** to:
Alistair Howse, 19 Nightingale Rd, Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 7DE
Further Enquiries Please Ring: 01923 771168 or e-mail: alistair.howse@ntlworld.com

Please send my tickets to:

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