

John Naylor was a chorister at Durham and a scholar at Rossall School. He was a choral scholar at St John's College, Cambridge and trained with the great Dr George Guest. He subsequently became a member of the choir at the Chapel Royal of St Peter ad Vincula, and of The Louis Halsey Singers, The Monteverdi Choir and was a founder member of the chorus of the Academy of St Martin in the Fields. He has sung in the cathedral choirs of Christ Church Oxford, Carlisle and Chester cathedrals.

John is Music Director of Nantwich Choral Society, The Lydian Singers and The Phoenix Singers of Shrewsbury. He has conducted choirs in most of the cathedrals in this country and is one of the region's most experienced choral directors. He is particularly noted for his friendly encouragement of singers of all ages and all abilities.

Simon Russell is a former Organ Scholar of St Catherine's College Cambridge and Assistant Organist of Chester Cathedral. He is currently Organist at St Mary's Nantwich and is the regular accompanist for NCS.

Repertoire

The new OUP publication 'English Church Music' is an excellent resource to explore a fine and varied range of repertoire from across more than five centuries. Included in this Singing Day will be music by William Byrd (**Ave verum corpus**) and Thomas Tallis (**O nata lux**), Robert Parsons (**Ave Maria**) John Blow (**Salvator Mundi**) and Henry Purcell (**Hear my prayer**).

SS Wesley will be represented by '**Blessed be the God and Father**' and John Stainer by '**I saw the Lord**'.

We will sing some of the greatest anthems of the 20th Century including '**Like as the hart**' (Herbert Howells), '**Greater love**' (John Ireland) and '**Faire is the heaven**' (William Harris) and explore repertoire from the 21st Century with '**The souls of the righteous**' by Geraint Lewis. Other repertoire will be included as time permits.

The day will represent a great opportunity for singers of all abilities to make or renew their acquaintance with some the greatest pieces of church music ever written in singing sessions which will be informative but relaxed and enjoyable for all.

St Mary's Acton

St Mary's Acton is one of the architectural gems of Cheshire. Beautifully built, historically important and lovingly maintained, the church will provide an inspiring environment in which to explore the repertoire chosen for the day. Car parking and full facilities will be available throughout the day at the nearby church hall.

Reviews

Participants in recent NCS Singing Days commented:

"Thank you for a most enjoyable Singing Day; a beautiful repertoire, well planned, well executed and so musically satisfying."

"Everyone around me was really enjoying themselves."

"The Verdi & Stravinsky challenged my sight reading skills, but I wasn't the only one and it was great fun. Everyone I spoke to was very pleased with the way the day went. Congrats are in order and well deserved."

"I really enjoyed the whole day: thank you!"

"Even though I'm not a very experienced singer, I felt comfortable throughout the day and I found myself singing amazing music with greater and greater confidence."

"What a wonderful opportunity to sing such lovely music in such a lovely place with such friendly people. Thank you so much".



SINGING DAY

Come and Sing

Classics of English Church Music

Saturday 15 October 2011

St Mary's Church, Acton

Directed by
John Naylor

with

Simon Russell
Accompanist

You are again invited to join members of Nantwich Choral Society for a Choral Singing Day following our very successful and widely praised previous events.

The next date is **Saturday 15 October 2011**, and the event will be held in the lovely historic church of St Mary's at Acton, just outside Nantwich on the A534.

The music to be studied is:

'Classics of English Church Music'

from the recently published Oxford University Press publication edited by Robert King.

- ❖ Please bring your own copies if you have them, but copies will be available for hire on the day. There will be a hire charge of £3.50 for the music, payable in advance.
- ❖ Copies will also be available for purchase on the day at the discounted price of £13.50. Please pay this on the day.
- ❖ Snacks and drinks (including tea and coffee) will be available for purchase in the nearby Church Hall, or bring your own packed lunch, or visit a local hostelry.
- ❖ Dress: smart casual
- ❖ Cost for the day: £12

Order of the day

- 10.00 Registration and Coffee
- 10.30 First Singing Session
- 11.45 Break
- 12.00 Second Singing Session
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.15 Third Singing Session
- 15.45 Break
- 16.00 Fourth Singing Session
- 17.30 Close

We hope singers and members of choirs will be able to join us on this exciting choral day. It will be a good opportunity for singers to "get together and sing together".

To book for this event, please complete the form, enclosing a S.A.E. and cheque made payable to **Nantwich Choral Society**, and send to:

Mrs Elizabeth McCrone,
Nantwich Choral Society,
1 Marl Close,
Cuddington,
Northwich,
Cheshire, CW8 2WR

For more copies, you may photocopy this form
or
download it from our website:

www.nantwichchoral.org.uk

REGISTRATION FORM

'Classics of English Church Music'

Saturday 15 October 2011

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Telephone: _____

e-mail : _____

CHOIR OR CHORAL SOCIETY (if any)

VOICE PART _____

I wish to book:

Singers	_____	@ £12.00	_____
Music Hire	_____	@ £3.50	_____
		Total	_____

I enclose a cheque for £_____ made payable to 'Nantwich Choral Society'.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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