



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 before singing with the Monteverdi Choir, The Chapel Royal Choir at HM Tower of London and The Academy of St Martin in the Fields.

John is Music Director of Nantwich Choral Society and The Lydian Singers and he also conducts The Open University Chapel Choir.

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 the Northern Region Coordinator for the RSCM, Organist at St

Mary's Nantwich and is the regular accompanist for NCS.



Repertoire

NCS performs a wide range of choral works ranging from Baroque masterpieces to world premieres of contemporary composers, either *a capella* or with accompaniment ranging from piano or organ to brass consort or with one of the associated fully professional orchestras – The Northern Concordia Orchestra and the Nantwich Sinfonia.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals are held at 7.30pm each Wednesday during term time at the Nantwich Methodist Church, Hospital Street, Nantwich, CW5 5RP. The Church provides comfortable facilities and seating and there are car parks nearby.

New members are assured of a genuinely friendly and supportive welcome and the first term's membership is free of charge. For further information please visit our website:

<http://nantwichchoral.org.uk>
or contact us by email at
enquiries@nantwichchoral.org.uk

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NANTWICH CHORAL SOCIETY

Concert Dates and Events

2019 - 2020

Music Director
John Naylor

Accompanist
Simon Russell

Saturday 28th September 2019

10.00 am – 4.30 pm

St Mary's, Acton

Singing Day

with Cathy and Ben Lamb

English Church Music

Anthems and Motets

The day will represent a great opportunity for singers of all abilities to make or renew their acquaintance with some of the finest examples of English sacred choral music of the past five centuries in singing sessions which will be informative but relaxed and enjoyable for all.

Saturday 1st February 2020

10.00 am start, performance 6.00 pm

St Mary's Church Nantwich

Come and Sing

Mendelssohn's *Elijah*

Mendelssohn's fabulous setting of the Elijah story dramatises some of the most exciting and moving passages in the Bible. Join in the singing as droughts are quenched, the prophets of Baal are annihilated, the widow's son is revived, and Elijah is rescued by God and carried up to heaven in a whirlwind. Great drama, great music, great fun to sing!

St Mary's Church, Nantwich:



Saturday 9th November 2019, 7.30 pm

St Mary's Nantwich

Requiem – Fauré

Even Such is Time – Mildinhall

A rare chance to hear Fauré's much loved Requiem in its original 1888 orchestration with solo violin and double violas.

In 2011 NCS commissioned a companion piece using the same orchestral forces from Andrew Mildinhall. The text of the Requiem Mass is interspersed with dramatic war poetry in an approachable and dramatic style. We are delighted to be performing this stunning piece once again.

Saturday 21st March 2020, 7.30 pm

St Mary's Church Nantwich

Mass in B minor – Bach

with

The 18th Century Sinfonia

The Mass in B minor is arguably the pinnacle of J S Bach's whole musical output and has been widely hailed as one of the greatest compositions in musical history. Sung at baroque pitch with leading soloists and accompanied by one of the UK's outstanding period instrument orchestras, this is an occasion not to be missed.



Saturday 21st December 2019, 6.30 pm

St Mary's Church Nantwich

Family Carol Concert

with

Nantwich Young Voices

Our ever popular annual Family Carol concert which will include old and new Christmas music and well known carols for all to sing.

Saturday 23rd May 2020, 7.30 pm

St Mary's Church Nantwich

Petite Messe Solonelle – Rossini

with

Oratorienchor Lüdenscheid

NCS is delighted to join once again with our German friends to sing in Nantwich and subsequently in Lüdenscheid Rossini's much loved setting of the Mass which is famously neither small in scale nor unduly solemn.

Nantwich Choral Society:

