

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 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 Regional Manager for the RSCM in Central and East England. Simon is currently Organist at St Mary's Nantwich and is the regular accompanist for NCS.

Repertoire

After such a long time of choral silence during the Covid 19 Pandemic this event will provide an early opportunity for singers to sing together once again in a purposeful but informal event based in one of Cheshire's most beautiful churches.

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

No apology is made for the fact that most of the repertoire will be familiar to previous attenders of NCS Singing Days: we hope that singers will enjoy the opportunity to sing many much-loved choral masterpieces once again.

The repertoire will include music by Bruckner, Franck, Faure, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Palestrina, Rachmaninov, Rheinberger and Victoria.

St Boniface, Bunbury CW6 9PN

St Boniface Bunbury is one of the architectural gems of Cheshire. Originally built in the 14th Century, historically important and lovingly maintained, the church has excellent acoustics and will provide an inspiring environment in which to explore the repertoire chosen for the day.

Car parking is available on the village green.

Reviews

Participants in previous NCS Singing Days commented:

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

"I wasn't sure what to expect, but there seemed to be something for all ranges of ability.

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."

"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."



SINGING DAY

Come and sing

European Sacred Music

Saturday 9th October 2021

**St Boniface Church,
Bunbury**

with

John Naylor (conductor)

Simon Russell (piano and organ)

You are once 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 9th October 2021**, and the event will be held in the lovely historic church of St Boniface, Bunbury

The music to be studied is:

European Sacred Music

from the Oxford University Press Choral Classics publication edited by John Rutter.

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Unfortunately, we do not feel able to provide our usual hospitality of hot drinks and snacks on this occasion. We encourage you to bring your own refreshments or to sample one of the excellent cafes and pubs in the locality. Suggestions will be provided on booking.
- ❖ Dress: smart casual.

We respectfully ask everyone to wear a face mask whenever they are walking about in the church. Face masks may be removed whenever a participant is sitting or standing to sing.

There are no longer any limits on the number of singers who are performing in a professional or amateur choir. However, numbers may have to be restricted to conform to the church's Policy on total attendees.

Order of the day

- 10.00 Registration
- 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 once again".

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 Carol Seed,
9 Darkie Meadow, Bunbury, Tarporley, CW6 9RB

Tel: 01829 261892
email: carol.seed3@icloud.com

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

www.nantwichchoral.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 2 October 2021.

REGISTRATION FORM

'European Sacred Music'

Saturday 9 October 2021

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Telephone: _____

e-mail: _____

CHOIR OR CHORAL SOCIETY (if any)

VOICE PART _____

I wish to book:

Singers	_____	@ £10.00	_____
Music Hire	_____	@ £3.50	_____
		Total	_____

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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