



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

2017 - 2018

Music Director
John Naylor

Accompanist
Simon Russell

Saturday 16th September 2017
St Mary's Church Acton
Singing Day
'Great Oratorio Choruses'

The season begins with our traditional **Singing Day** in the lovely church of St Mary's Acton with a chance to sing familiar choruses from some of the great oratorios. Most of these are much loved and well known to most choral singers, but there will also be some delightful surprises.

Saturday 3rd February 2018
St Mary's Church Nantwich
Come and Sing
Hiawatha's Wedding Feast - Coleridge Taylor

This dramatic composition, full of good tunes, dramatic scenes and great fun is enjoying justifiably more frequent revivals. It used to attract singers in their hundreds to Albert Hall performances conducted by Malcolm Sargent. However, on this occasion native costume will not be required!

St Mary's Church, Nantwich:



Sunday 22nd October 2017, 3.30 pm
Victoria Hall Hanley

Requiem - Giuseppe Verdi

Emma Smith - soprano, Susan Marrs - mezzo soprano
David Butt Philip - tenor, Dingle Yandell - bass
with
Ceramic City Choir
The Northern Concordia Orchestra

We are very fortunate to have an outstanding group of very talented soloists, who, together with the full orchestra and almost 200 choral singers can be expected to do full justice to this truly iconic choral masterpiece. The performance, supported by Arts Council funding, will be an occasion not to be missed.



Saturday 24th March 2018, 7.30 pm
St Mary's Church Nantwich

Dvorak - Stabat Mater
Vaughan Williams - Benedicite
Poulenc Organ Concerto
with
The Nantwich Sinfonia

The principal work will be the moving **Stabat Mater**. The Nantwich Sinfonia (our orchestra of local professional musicians) will be joined by Simon Russell as soloist in the thrilling **Organ Concerto**, preceded by the joyful **Benedicite**.

Saturday 16th December 2017, 6.30 pm
St Mary's Church Nantwich
Family Carol Concert
with
Nantwich Young Voices

The winning entries from our **2017 Carol Composition Competition** will be performed at this **Family Carol Concert** when again we will be joined by Nantwich Young Voices to celebrate the Christmas season in St Mary's Nantwich by singing carols old and new.

Saturday 23rd June 2018, 7.30 pm
St Mary's Church Nantwich
Gala Concert
Gilbert and Sullivan
with Richard Suart

In lighter mood, our Summer Concert will be a **Gilbert and Sullivan Gala Evening** when we will be joined by Richard Suart, the internationally celebrated interpreter of G&S comic roles.

Nantwich Choral Society:

