

# NANTWICH CHORAL SOCIETY

## SINGING DAY

**Ave Maria**

**Composers and their music**

**St Mary's Church, Acton**

**(near Nantwich)**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016**

**9.30 - 16.30**

**Music Director**

**John Naylor**

**Accompanist**

**Simon Russell**

### **Ave Maria**

#### **Composers and their music**

Following a similar format to last year's hugely popular event, our 2016 Singing Day will explore settings of the greatest Marian text of all by composers as diverse as Josquin Desprez, Arcadelt, Robert Parsons, Bruckner, Rachmaninov, Stravinsky, Verdi, Elgar and Dvorak together with some of their other music.

This unusual Singing Day is designed to appeal to singers of all abilities – many of the settings are very straightforward, some are very well known, some have a few musical challenges but none are outside the abilities of most regular choral society singers.

Whatever your level of musical ability, all these settings are well worth a day's musical exploration in the company of like minded singers under John Naylor's encouraging direction.

The beautiful and comfortable church of St Mary's at Acton is an ideal venue for this occasion. There is a large (free) car park in the village, refreshments will be available and all music will be provided.

Participants in the 2015 Singing day wrote:

- *Excellent day as we have come to expect from NCS and John. The music pack was superb.*
- *Progressing through the centuries with one work was particularly interesting. Well done!*
- *The pace of study was perfect – we got through everything with interest and some detail, just what was required for the occasion..*
- *First experience of Singing Day. Wonderful. Will be a "must do" in future.*

**John Naylor** has been Music Director of Nantwich Choral Society since 2005 and is one of the North West's most experienced choral directors. A former Choral Scholar of St John's College Cambridge and professional singer with the choir of The Chapel Royal at H.M.Tower of London and The Monteverdi Choir he is also Music Director of The Lydian Singers and conducts The Open University Chapel Choir. John is well known for his friendly and encouraging leadership of choral singers of all ages and all abilities.

**Simon Russell** is Organist at St Mary's Church. He was Organ Scholar at St. Catharines College Cambridge, Assistant Organist at Chester Cathedral and is the North of England Regional Coordinator for the RSCM.

#### **Timetable**

09.30	Registration with tea/coffee available
10.00	Morning session #1
11.15	Break
11.30	Morning session #2
12.45	Lunch
13.45	Afternoon session #1
15.00	Break
15.15	Afternoon session #2 concluding with run through of pieces
16.30	End

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

David Jones,  
Bramble Cottage,  
Newtown, Sound,  
Nr. Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 8BG

Tel 01270 780854

Email: david.jones@soundcare.co.uk

Acknowledgement of booking and receipt will be sent via email if available, otherwise please enclose a SAE. For more copies, the form may be photocopied.

- Cost for the day: singers: £14.00 This includes the cost of providing the music which will be given out on the day.
- Snacks and drinks (including tea and coffee) will be available for purchase in the church, or bring your own packed lunch, or visit one of the excellent local hosteleries.
- Dress: smart casual
- Further details, registration forms and a list of the music to be studied will be available on our website [nantwichchoral.org.uk](http://nantwichchoral.org.uk)

### NCS Ticket Refund Policy

We are happy to refund your ticket in the following circumstances:

- The NCS Committee decides to cancel or significantly change an event.
- An event is moved to another date and you decide not to retain your booking for the rescheduled event.

We cannot refund your ticket outside of these circumstances. However, if you are unable to attend the event you can reallocate the tickets to somebody who would like to attend in your place.

## NCS Singing Day

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016

### REGISTRATION FORM

Please write clearly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail : \_\_\_\_\_

CHOIR OR CHORAL SOCIETY (if any)  
\_\_\_\_\_

VOICE PART \_\_\_\_\_

#### I wish to book:

Singers \_\_\_\_\_ @ £14.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If your booking is for more than one person please list additional names and voice parts below: Please write clearly.

Name	Voice SATB
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#### Data Protection

The information given on this form will only be used for NCS administrative and communication purposes and will not be divulged to any other party.

Please tick  if you do **not** wish to be informed about future events.

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