

NANTWICH CHORAL SOCIETY

An invitation to all Singers to
Come and Sing

Handel's Messiah

St Mary's Church, Nantwich

Saturday 7th February 2026

Rehearsals: 10.00 – 12.00
13.45 – 15.30
Performance: 17.30

Soloists:

Sarah Helsby-Hughes – soprano
Harriet Goodwin – mezzo soprano
William Smith – tenor
Peter Edge – baritone

Nantwich Sinfonia (leader Mark Lansom)

John Naylor - Conductor

You are again warmly invited to join members of Nantwich Choral Society in a 'Come and Sing' event at St Mary's Church, Nantwich, this time Handel's *Messiah*, accompanied by orchestra.

Order of the day

09.30 Registration and collection of music
10.00 – 12.00 Rehearsal
12.00 Lunch Break
(Soloists' rehearsal with the orchestra)
13.45 – 15.30 Full rehearsal including the soloists
17.30 Performance

General information

- ❖ We will be using the Watkins Shaw Edition; other editions are acceptable.
- ❖ Please bring your own copies if you have them but hire copies will be available on the day. There will be a hire charge of £3.00 for the music, payable in advance.
- ❖ Dress code: smart casual.
- ❖ St Mary's Church Hall will be available between rehearsal and performance.
- ❖ The church has pew cushions in the nave (where the singers will be seated)
- ❖ Cost for the day
Singers: £20
Audience tickets: £15, Students £5 (pay on the door)

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 Cantores ad Portam 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.

The Nantwich Sinfonia consists of experienced professional musicians gathered together mostly from the region, but some from much further afield.

Comments after the 2024 NCS Come and Sing Messiah:

"Thank you for another excellent event - the addition of an orchestra made this one even better than previously."

"Many congratulations on a superbly organised and enjoyable C&S event. I am not really a singer and was not particularly familiar with the "Messiah" but I can read a score and the day for me was a wonderful experience."

"Everyone was very welcoming and friendly. The orchestra and soloists were excellent, and I think the end result was of a very high standard, not least due to the efforts of the conductor and rehearsal pianist."

To book for this event, please complete the form indicating payment method and send it to:

Mrs Carol Seed

9 Darkie Meadow, Bunbury, Tarporley, CW6 9RB

Tel: 01829 261892

email: carol.seed3@icloud.com

Payment methods:

- Online Bank transfer to
Nantwich Choral Society
40-34-44 41424912 Ref: Come & Sing
- Cash
- Card on the day
- By cheque made payable to 'Nantwich Choral Society'

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS:

1st February 2026.

For more copies, the form may be photocopied. Registration forms are also available on our website

www.nantwichchoral.org.uk

Audience tickets are available from:

Nantwich Civic Hall,

All Choir Members and at the door

Online at: WeGotTickets.com

NCS Refund Policy

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

(a) The NCS Committee decides to cancel or significantly change an event.

(b) An event is moved to another date and you decide not to retain your booking for the rescheduled event.

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

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please write clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Telephone: _____

e-mail: _____

CHOIR OR CHORAL SOCIETY (if any)

VOICE PART _____

I wish to book:

Singers _____ @ £20 _____

Music Hire _____ @ £3 _____

Total _____

Please indicate payment method:

bank transfer / cheque (enclosed) / cash or card on the day

Signed: _____

Date: _____

If your booking is for more than one person please list additional names and voice parts below. Please write clearly and also specify which singers (if any) will require a hire copy (included in the fees overleaf)

Name	Voice SATB	Hire copy req? Y/N
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