

CHORAL SOCIETY

ST ALBANS



George Vass Music Director
Richard Harvey Accompanist



**CONCERT
SEASON
2017/18**



Saturday 11 November 2017 at 7.30pm

St Saviour's Church, Sandpit Lane, St Albans AL1 4DF

DURUFLÉ REQUIEM

Joseph Rheinberger Stabat Mater in G minor, Op 138

Samuel Barber Adagio for string orchestra, Op 11

Tarik O'Regan Triptych

Maurice Duruflé Requiem, Op 9

Leilani Barratt *mezzo-soprano*

Angus McPhee *baritone*

St Albans Choral Society

Orchestra Nova

George Vass *conductor*

Tickets £18 (£15 concessions) | £15 (£12 concessions) | £1 children
available from www.choralsociety.com



Sunday 10 December 2017 at 7.00pm

Marlborough Road Methodist Church, St Albans AL1 3XQ

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

St Albans Choral Society

Richard Harvey *organ*

George Vass *conductor*

Our ever-popular Christmas concert features a brand new carol by Christopher Gunning, composer of the music for the ITV series *Poirot*, together with pieces by Alexander L'Estrange, Richard James Harvey and nonagenarian John Joubert.

As always, the programme also includes a wide variety of seasonal music with opportunities for audience participation together with readings from members of the choir.

Sunday 4 February 2018 at 4.00pm

Marlborough Road Methodist Church, St Albans AL1 3XQ

HYMNS AND ANTHEMS

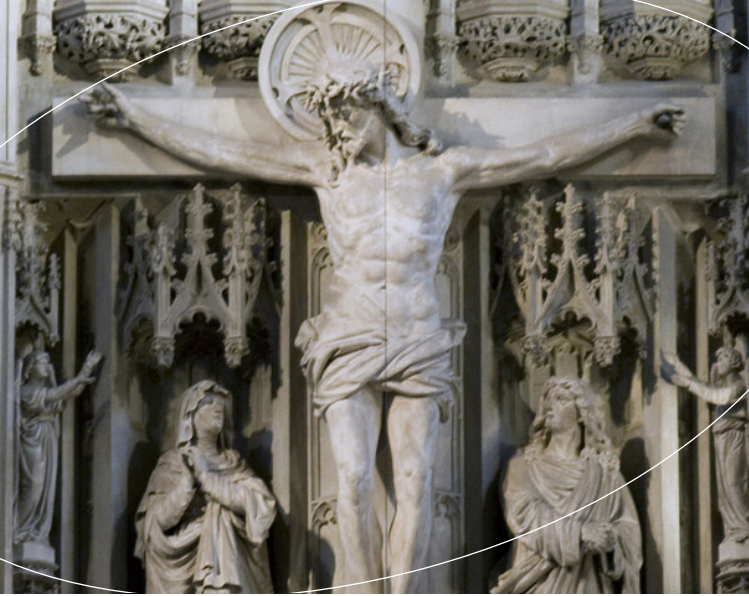
St Albans Choral Society

Richard Harvey *organ*

George Vass *conductor*

This special hour-long programme will include well-known works by Hubert Parry in the centenary year of his death, together with other great British anthems and familiar hymns, with plenty of opportunities for audience participation.

Tickets for both concerts £13 | £1 children
available from www.choralsociety.com



Saturday 21 April 2018 at 7.30pm

The Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban, St Albans AL1 1BY

MESSIAH

George Frideric Handel Messiah, HWV56

Helen-Jane Howells *soprano*

William Purefoy *countertenor*

Christopher Bowen *tenor*

Alexander Ashworth *baritone*

St Albans Choral Society

Orchestra Nova

George Vass *conductor*

Tickets £25 | £20 | £15 | £10 | £5 children

available from The Gift Shop, St Albans Abbey on 01727 890290

Monday – Friday 10.00-16.45hrs; Saturday 10.00-15.45hrs;

Sunday 13:00-17:00hrs

or via www.stalbanscathedral.org/whatson/music



Saturday 30 June 2018 at 7.30pm

St Albans High School, Townsend Avenue, St Albans AL1 3SJ

A TIME FOR ALL SEASONS

Cecilia McDowall A Fancy of Folksongs

James MacMillan The Gallant Weaver

Cecilia McDowall A Time for all Seasons

Bob Chilcott Like a Singing Bird

Bob Chilcott Irish Blessing

John Rutter The Sprig of Thyme

Sophie Edwards *soprano*

Beaumont School Vocal Ensemble

St Albans Choral Society

Richard Harvey *piano*

George Vass *conductor*

Tickets £16 (£14 concessions) £1 children
available from www.choralsociety.com



St Albans Choral Society gave its very first concert in December 1944 and, since then, has performed a huge part of the choral repertoire with music ranging from the Baroque to the present day. The Society has an enviable reputation for the commissioning and performance of new work and enjoys a great musical relationship with Orchestra Nova, its regular performance partner.

In November, the choir gives a rare performance of Josef Rheinberger's *Stabat Mater* together with contemporary British composer Tarik O'Regan's *Triptych*, which takes Remembrance as its theme. The concert concludes with the hauntingly beautiful *Requiem* by French composer Maurice Duruflé.

In December, at Marlborough Road Methodist Church, our hugely popular annual Christmas Celebration comprises seasonal music, carols and readings – also including a birthday tribute to composer John Joubert in his 90th year.

The choir returns to Marlborough Road Methodist Church again in February for a programme of Hymns and Anthems, ending with Hubert Parry's uplifting *I was Glad*.

In April at St Albans Abbey, we are joined by a fabulous quartet of soloists and Orchestra Nova for a complete performance of Handel's oratorio masterpiece *Messiah*.

In July the choir joins forces with Beaumont School Vocal Ensemble for a popular programme of folk-song settings by composers including Bob Chilcott, James MacMillan, John Rutter and a recent cantata '*A Time for all Seasons*' from the choir's composer-in-association, Cecilia McDowall.

St Albans Choral Society currently numbers approximately 110 members, if you enjoy singing, have a reasonable voice and like a musical challenge, please contact the Membership Secretary via **www.choralsociety.com** for further details.

St Albans Choral Society gratefully acknowledges the generous support of **The Williams Church Music Trust**.

St Albans Choral Society is a registered charity No 287882, and is affiliated to Making Music - the National Federation of Music Societies.