

**Saturday 24th June.**

# **St Nicholas Singers**



**St Nicholas' Church, Blundellsands**

# **MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**2023**

# Programme

- Magnificat **Vivaldi** (1678-1741)
- Magnificat– **Pergolesi** (1710-1736)

Used regularly in services of the Catholic Church, The Anglican Church, The Lutheran Church, and the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Magnificat (*or Song of Mary*) is taken from the Gospel of Luke, where it is spoken by Mary upon the occasion of her Visitation to her cousin Elizabeth. In the narrative, after Mary greets Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist, Elizabeth praises Mary for her faith and Mary responds with what is now known as the Magnificat. The choir will sing both versions in Latin and below is a translation of the text:

*My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden: For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.*

## INTERVAL

- Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo (*Little organ Mass*) **Haydn** (1732-1809)

For centuries composers have set the text to the *Ordinary* of the Mass (those parts of the service which are ever present; as opposed to the *Proper* of the Mass (those parts which change depending on the season or feast). This evening we will perform the Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei movements. Haydn didn't give the name 'Little organ Mass' to this work but editors added it because of the prominent organ role in the Benedictus.



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## ORCHESTRA and SOLOISTS

Edwin Paling <i>Violin</i>	Stephen Hargreaves <i>Organ</i>	Faye Watson <i>Soprano</i>
Rosalin Lazaroff <i>Violin</i>	William Kiggins <i>Oboe</i>	Sophie Mahar <i>Alto</i>
Dianne Waite <i>Viola</i>	Helen Thomas <i>Oboe</i>	Stuart Keen <i>Tenor</i>
Alastair Ligertwood <i>Cello</i>	Gareth <i>Double-bass</i>	Damian O’Keeffe <i>Bass</i>

The **ST NICHOLAS SINGERS** is a *non-audition* community choir who rehearse every Wednesday evening (7.30pm – 9.00pm). It was formed in 2012 to present a Charity Concert to honour the life and work of the Revd Collete Thornborough, a much loved former St Nicholas’ vicar. We have supported the music here in church for the past 11 years; supplementing the church choir for several services during the year, and also sing at a variety of charitable community events. Examples of charities we have worked alongside and helped raise in excess of £50,000 are:

Jospice ‘Light up a Life’ service, Christmas at the Albert Dock, St Faith’s ‘Christmas Tree Festival’ and Summer Concert Series, the switching on of the Christmas lights in Crosby Village, Sefton Church, Freshfield Animal Rescue Christmas Diner, Nazareth House, Liverpool University hospital, Aintree, and CHET.

Each Summer the choir organise residential trips for its members; recent venues include performances at Southwark Cathedral, Peterborough Cathedral, Lichfield Cathedral, Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, Chester Cathedral, Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, Derby Cathedral and Chesterfield parish Church as well as a concert tour to Belgium where we performed Vivaldi’s ‘Gloria’ in Gent Cathedral. This August we travel to Skipton Parish Church to perform a concert and sing the weekend services.

**We are currently re-branding and when we resume on September 6th, will be known as *Crosby Community Choir*. If you’d like to be part of this friendly and welcoming ensemble please feel to just turn up at St Helen’s Church Hall any Wednesday evening and ‘give it a go’ Don’t forget; there is no audition. For those who are willing, we do ask for a £2 voluntary donation at each rehearsal.**

**future concerts and services will take place in both St Helen’s Church, Crosby and St Joseph’s Church, Blundellsands**

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# ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH **Music Festival** 2023

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm - St Nicholas' Singers**

*Works by Vivaldi, Pergolesi and Haydn*

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm – Liverpool Bach Collective**

*Choral Evensong, including Bach's Cantata 111*

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm - Daniel Bishop**

*Associate organist at Liverpool Cathedral*

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm – Songbirds**

*Songs for a summer evening*

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 4.00pm St Nicholas School**

*Vocal and instrumental music by our talented pupils*

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm Sophie Clarke and Friends**

*A night at the musicals*

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm – Edwin Paling and Friends**

*An evening of best loved violin melodies*

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 7.00pm – Maghull Wind Orchestra**

*A bit of everything from stage and screen to the classic standards*

## **ONLY £5 PER CONCERT**

**Under 16's FREE**

*Tickets on the door*

**Bridge Road, Blundellsands. L23 6SA**

*Reg charity: 1158819*

