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# Bridgwater Choral Society

**Conductor Iain Cooper**  
**President Roger Stacey**  
**Chairman David Mills**

Our concerts are held in the beautiful parish church of St Mary, Bridgwater. The church has recently reopened following extensive upgrading work. This offers both audience and singers many benefits, including better access, lighting and more comfortable seating.

The Society engages a full professional orchestra and established or promising young soloists for concerts. Recent performances have ranged from familiar works such as Bach's St Matthew Passion and Beethoven's Mass in C to less -visited works by Bliss, Britten and Holst.

The Society continues to benefit from the expert leadership of our conductor, Iain Cooper. Iain has invited us to perform the premiere of his Benedicite for choir, brass quintet, piano duet and timpani in May 2018.

## Join the Friends of Bridgwater Choral Society

The Society very much appreciates the support of the Friends. Benefits of becoming a Friend include:

- ✦ advance notice of concerts
- ✦ priority ticket booking with a discount
- ✦ receipt of our newsletter, Sing Up
- ✦ annual summer social event with choir

Membership costs £12 (single) and £20 (joint).

If you would like to join the Friends, please contact:

**Sally Wallington (Friends of BCS)**

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[www.bridgwaterchoral.org](http://www.bridgwaterchoral.org)



## BRIDGWATER CHORAL SOCIETY



Welcome to our  
 2017-18 Season

[www.bridgwaterchoral.org](http://www.bridgwaterchoral.org)

Saturday 2 December 2017

St Mary's Church, Bridgwater, 7.30pm

**Bach**

# Christmas Oratorio

Soprano **Charlotte Newstead**

Alto **Fiona Mackay**

Tenor **Guy Withers**

Bass **Martin Haessler**

Orchestra led by **Brigid Kirkland-Wilson**

Conductor **Iain Cooper**



Saturday 12 May 2018

St Mary's Church, Bridgwater, 7.30pm

**Handel**

# Coronation

# Anthems

**Fauré**

# Requiem

**Iain Cooper**

# Benedicite

for Choir, Brass Quintet,  
Piano Duet and Timpani

Soprano **Mary Morgan**

Baritone **TBA**

Orchestra led by **Brigid Kirkland-Wilson**

# Tickets

Tickets available from  
[www.bridgwaterchoral.org](http://www.bridgwaterchoral.org) or on the door on  
the evening of the concert, subject to  
availability.

Price: £12 unreserved, (£10 for Friends),  
accompanied under-16s free.

# Join Us!

**You'll find that singing with the  
choir is inspiring and great fun**

Bridgwater Choral Society welcomes singers  
of all ages and abilities. We are a diverse and  
friendly group, and we actively help and encourage  
new members who wish to extend their singing  
experience into the classical repertoire. We also  
offer free membership to local young people.

Rehearsals are held each Wednesday between  
September and May from 7.30pm at:

St Joseph's Primary School, Park Avenue,  
Bridgwater TA6 7NN

If you would like to come along to a rehearsal  
Please feel free to do so. Alternatively, contact  
Peter Attwood (01278 734588 or [Rev@podlea.co.uk](mailto:Rev@podlea.co.uk))  
or visit our website for further details:  
[www.bridgwaterchoral.org](http://www.bridgwaterchoral.org)

# Come and Sing Day

**Haydn Creation**

Saturday 17 February 2018

10.00am to 4 pm

Salvation Army Hall,  
Moorland Road, Bridgwater

If you are considering joining the Society, this  
might just be the fun, informal occasion you  
are looking for to spend time with us before  
taking the plunge!

Please contact Graham Box (01278 458989 or  
07878 579114) for further details.