

BRIDGWATER CHORAL SOCIETY

The Choral Society has been at the heart of the cultural life of Bridgwater since it was founded in 1949 by conductor Rex Browning with the aim of providing music of quality in the town and district. Early performances were in the Arts Centre and Town Hall, later moving to the fine parish church of St Mary's, where the choir continues to perform two major choral works from the classical repertoire each year. The high standard is reflected in the engagement of professional soloists and orchestra for these concerts.

Iain Cooper began conducting Bridgwater Choral Society in 2004. He brings a wealth of experience both as a musician (piano and organ) and teacher of music. He currently works freelance as a teacher, examiner and writer. The Society has blossomed under his leadership and achieved an extremely high standard of performance, culminating in the recent performance of Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, which met with wide critical acclaim.

Ray Willis is a versatile organist, accompanist and continuo player. He is currently organist at St John's, Yeovil, and the Bishop's Chapel, Wells. He also conducts both the Clevedon and Weston – super-Mare choral societies.

President, Roger Stacey
Chairman, David Mills

JOIN THE CHOIR

New members are always welcome. The choir is a mixed voice amateur choir of around 80 singers. The membership is extremely diverse in terms of age, background and ability. Less experienced singers will receive ample support and encouragement where needed. We are actively seeking to recruit young people, and students are offered free membership in exchange for regular commitment.

The choir meets weekly from September to May at:

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

If you are interested in joining please contact:

Mrs Jenny Patten (Hon Sec)
37 Alfoxton Road
Bridgwater TA6 7NN
Tel 01278 456645

Visit www.bridgwaterchoral.org/
to see pictures of us in rehearsal and hear excerpts from our 2009 performance of Mozart's *Mass in C Min.*

TICKETS

Tickets can be obtained two weeks in advance from Bridgwater Book Shop tel 01278 457565 or on the door on the evening of the concert.

PRICES

£11, £8.50 reserved
£6 unreserved
accompanied under 16s free



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2011/2012 season

Wednesday 7 December 2011
7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Bridgwater
TA6 3EQ

FAURE *PAVANE*
BRAHMS *ALTO RHAPSODY*
HOLST *ODE TO DEATH*

PUCCINI
MESSA DI GLORIA

Conductor – Iain Cooper

Orchestra led by
Brigid Kirkland-Wilson

Mezzo soprano – Helen Sherman
Tenor – Peter Wilman
Bass / Baritone – David Mills

Tickets £11, £8.50 reserved,
£6 unreserved
Accompanied under 16s free

Saturday 12 May 2012
7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Bridgwater
TA6 3EQ

LAMBERT *RIO GRANDE*

ORFF
CARMINA BURANA

Conductor – Iain Cooper

Piano - TBA

Soprano - Charlotte Newstead
Mezzo soprano –
Alice Hodgkinson
Tenor – TBA
Bass – TBA

Tickets £11, £8.50 reserved,
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Accompanied under 16s free

Joining the Friends of Bridgwater Choral Society

The support of the Friends is much appreciated. Benefits of joining include advance notice and priority booking with discount, receipt of our newsletter !Sing Up!, and an annual social event with choir members.

Membership

Single £10 (£3 discount on 1 ticket per choral concert)

Double £18 (£3 discount on 2 tickets per choral concert)

If you would like to join please complete and send this form and cheque payable to 'Bridgwater Choral Society' to:

Linda Curtis, Friends' Secretary,
9 Cheer Lane,
Westonzoyland TA7 0EX
Tel: 01278 691376

I/We would like to become a Friend of the Society:

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