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Payment details:

Copies of the score will be supplied on the day.

	Qty	Price	Total cost
Singing ticket		£25	
Buxton Crescent Tour		£10	
Festival Mass Chorus		£10	
		TOTAL	

Please pay by cheque or bank transfer

Paying by cheque:

Please make your cheque payable to:

Buxton Musical Society

and return it to the address shown on the back, together with this detached slip.

Payment by bank transfer:

Please make an online payment to:

Sort code: 60-83-01

Account No: 20369307

Reference: Please use the code 'SD' followed by your surname and your initials e.g. SD Hartley J R

To help us plan future events, it would be helpful if you could tell us approximately where you live and usually sing:

Please bring your friends along to the performance!

There will be a retiring collection

Please tick here if you are happy for us to contact you about further Singing Days with the Buxton Musical Society:

All data collected is held according to Data Protection principles. The Society's Data Protection and Privacy Policy can be found on the Society website.

Sam Hayes



Sam Hayes joined Buxton Musical Society in May 2023 as Chorus Director, taking over the baton from the remarkable Michael Williams as Musical Director in November 2025.

He grew up in the Home Counties, studied Music at Cambridge University, as Organ Scholar at Queens' College, and undertook further studies in Choral Directing in Uppsala (Sweden), and Paris.

He achieved the Associateship, Fellowship and Choral Directing Diplomas of the Royal College of Organists in the space of one year, in the latter, winning both of the major prizes.

Much of his early career was centred around Cambridge, where, between 2005 and 2022 was Director of Music at Great St Mary's, The University Church, Cambridge, latterly also holding the historic and prestigious office of University Organist. Here, his responsibilities included directing the 70-strong choral foundation in services, concerts and recordings.

Alongside his career as a church musician, he has worked with concert choirs for twenty-five years, leading singing days across the South and East of the country, and serving as founding Musical Director of Phoenix Choir of Crawley, West Sussex, Musical Director of Godalming Choral Society and Godalming Children's Choir, in Surrey, and, since January 2025, Musical Director of Stafford Choral Society.

As an educator, he taught and examined for the Music Degree course in Cambridge for a decade, and later served as a Musician in Residence, A-level specialist teacher and school choral director for a number of years. Following his relocation to the Midlands with his young family in 2022, he is now part of Ex Cathedra's award-winning Education and Participation team in Birmingham, and directs the Senior Academy of Vocal Music.

He maintains a portfolio of keyboard-playing and singing across the region, and when not occupied with music or the school run, he loves walking, cooking, DIY and classic cars.

Buxton Musical Society

Buxton Musical Society was founded in 1944. As well as being possibly the highest choral society in England (we rehearse at 1030ft above sea level) it is also unusual in that it has its own orchestra. This gives it access to a wide range of choral and orchestral repertoire, and large-scale choral works by Elgar, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Bach, Brahms and Handel are frequently programmed in the five concerts that it performs each season.



The society rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7.45pm at the Buxton Methodist Church and always welcomes new members. Further details can be found on our website:

buxtonmusicalsociety.org.uk

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With an option to sing the entire work in its liturgical setting as part of the Buxton International Festival



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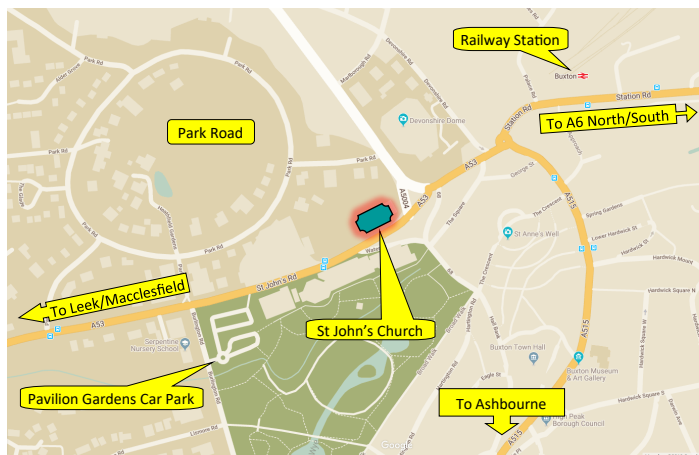
CHORUS & ORCHESTRA

Saturday 20 June 2026
St John's Church, Buxton
9.30am - 6.15pm

Performance with soloists
and orchestra
5.30pm

Where, when and how to get here

Saturday 20 June 2026, 9.30 am
St John's Church, 42 St John's Rd,
Buxton SK17 6XG



Car parking

If visiting by car, we recommend that you park in the long-stay car park in Pavilion Gardens, St. John's Road, SK17 9AR. Charges are £6.10 for a full day (more than four hours). There is free, on-street parking on side roads behind St John's Church in the area around Park Road (see map).

Travel by train

There are trains from Manchester Piccadilly via Stockport, Disley, Whaley Bridge, etc., arriving at 8.55am and 9.20am which will give you plenty of time for the short (five-minute) walk from the station to St John's Church. There are return trains once every hour until 22.56.

Travel by bus

There are bus services from: Ashbourne, Bakewell, Chesterfield, Glossop, Leek, Macclesfield, Matlock, Sheffield, Stockport and surrounding areas. Details can be found on <https://www.traveline.info/>



Programme for the day

9.30 – 10.00	Welcome, registration, copy distribution and coffee
10.00 – 11.10	Chorus rehearsal
11.10 – 11.30	Refreshment break. Cake available!
(11.20 – 11.30)	Talk – "Papa Haydn's Golden Age"
11.30 – 12.45	Chorus rehearsal
12.45 – 14.15	Lunch break Optional Tour - Regency Buxton in Haydn's time (Buxton Crescent Heritage Trust)
14.15 – 15.15	Chorus and orchestra rehearsal
15.15 – 15.30	Tea break. More cake available!
15.30 – 16.15	Chorus and orchestra rehearsal
16.15 – 17.15	Buffet meal available
17.30 – 18.10	Performance with orchestra & soloists

Participants in this Singing Day are also invited to join the performance of this work in the **Buxton International Festival** on Sunday 19 July 2026 where the work will be sung in its original setting as part of the Sunday morning Eucharist Service with full orchestra and soloists from the Buxton International Festival Company. Singers are required to attend two further Thursday evening rehearsals in Buxton, including the final chorus rehearsal on Thursday 16 July. There will be a further fee of £10 to cover costs of this performance. Full details can be found on Buxton Musical Society website: buxtonmusicalsociety.org.uk



Regency Buxton in Haydn's time

During the lunch break why not experience what Buxton was like when this work was composed and when Haydn visited England?

Buxton Crescent Heritage Trust offers a guided group tour of the newly restored Buxton Crescent including a virtual balloon ride over the building, the story of Buxton's healing waters and a chance to view the fully restored Assembly Rooms. The

tour lasts one hour.

Cost: £10 per head

Gardens anyone?

June 20 is also the first day of the Buxton Garden Trail where 30 or so local gardens are opened to the public. Ideal if your partner is more interested in gardening than singing!

Details at: www.buxtongardentrail.co.uk

St John's Church, Buxton

Our venue today was built in 1812 as a final gift to the town from the 5th Duke of Devonshire after he had completed the Crescent. The church has one of the finest acoustics in the region, as well as housing the four-manual William Hill organ. Its simple Regency exterior gives little hint of the glories that await inside with its altar window and surrounding golden mosaics a particular feature.



Registration Form

Please register via our website:
buxtonmusicalsociety.org.uk

or

Complete BOTH sides of this form, detach it and send it with your payment to:

Events organiser,

20 Dovedale Crescent, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 9BJ

Confirmation of a place will be sent via email upon receipt of your fee.

If you wish to be informed by post, please supply a stamped, addressed envelope instead.

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Email address:

How did you hear about our Singing Day?

BMS Chorus member	<input type="checkbox"/>	Word of mouth	<input type="checkbox"/>
BMS website	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other website	<input type="checkbox"/>
BMS season brochure	<input type="checkbox"/>	BMS Facebook page	<input type="checkbox"/>
BMS Singing Day flyer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Singing Day flyer	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: