

THE DAY

By popular demand we will again provide an opportunity for choir members, as well as aspiring singers, to improve singing skills away from the demands of a busy concert rehearsing schedule. This year sees us using these skills to rehearse and perform the ever popular Mendelssohn Elijah.

Graham Jordan Ellis has been Musical Director of CMS since 1996. An experienced freelance conductor of both choral and orchestral music, Graham has worked with numerous choral and operatic societies and conducted many memorable concerts. He was Director of Music at Birkenhead School for over thirty years.

Martin Bussey is a noted musician and educationalist, combining the roles of composer, singer and conductor. Director of Chester Bach Singers for the past thirty years, Martin was Director of Choirs at Chetham's School of Music for twenty five, is a vocal tutor at Manchester University and regular Director of the BBC Daily Service Singers.

Graham Eccles studied organ at Worksop College and RNCM. Starting as Assistant Organist at Chester Cathedral he played a key role in the musical life of the city. Graham has been Organist and Master of the Choristers at St Asaph and Bangor Cathedrals and currently conducts both Colwyn Bay and St Asaph Choral Societies. He is in demand as an Organ Recitalist in the UK, Europe and beyond and regularly plays for the Daily Service on BBC Radio 4. He has performed many times for RLPO and Halle orchestras. Graham is accompanist for Chester Music Society Choir.

TIMETABLE

9.30	Registration
10.00	Welcome and Introduction
10.10	Session 1 Background to Mendelssohn's 'Elijah' and the Birmingham Festival First sing-through with Graham Jordan Ellis
11.30	Coffee
11.50	Session 2: Aural Skills for Choral Singers with Martin Bussey
1.00	Lunch *
2.00	Session 3 Sectional Rehearsals: Graham Jordan Ellis (Sopranos and Altos) Martin Bussey (Tenors and Basses)
3.00	Session 4: Full rehearsal (Graham Jordan Ellis)
4.00	Tea
4.20	Session 5: Informal Performance Graham Jordan Ellis: Conductor Martin Bussey: Bass Graham Eccles: Accompanist
5.00	Close

*Please bring picnic lunches which can be eaten in the Sixth Form Centre Common Room



**Come and Sing
Mendelssohn's**

'Elijah'

Saturday 24th February 2018
The King's School Chester

An opportunity for all who love singing to spend time to rehearse and perform this ever popular and dramatic work

Musical Director: Graham Jordan Ellis
Tutor: Martin Bussey
Accompanist: Graham Eccles

Places very limited. Book early to avoid disappointment



BOOKING FORM

Our next concerts

Saturday 17th March 2018 7.30pm

'An Evening with Mozart'

Solemn Vespers

Piano Concerto in A major
Requiem

John Gough: piano

Liverpool Sinfonia

Graham Jordan Ellis: conductor

Saturday 12th May 2018 7.30pm

'Music for Kings Queens and Princes'

Purcell	Funeral Music for Queen Mary
Parry	I was Glad
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Attwood	I was Glad
Mealor	Ubi Caritas
Britten	Jubilate Deo
Dyson	Confortare
Elgar	Coronation March
Walton	Orb and Sceptre
Howells	Behold, O God our defender
Vaughan Williams	All people that on earth do dwell

His Majesty's Brass Consort
Graham Eccles: organ
Graham Jordan Ellis: conductor

LOCATION

Music School
The King's School
Wrexham Road
ChesterCH4 7QL

Located on the A483 Chester - Wrexham Road 1½ miles south of the city centre and about ½ mile from A55 Chester southerly bypass.

The Music School is the first building on the left after the entrance gate

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Name.....

Voice (SATB).....

Address.....

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Postcode.....

Tel. No.....

Email.....

Choir.....

(If you are not a regular member of a choir put none)

Fee £20

(includes coffee/tea and music hire)

Please send this form and a cheque made payable to Chester Music Society to:-

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Becky Ford,
The Moorings,
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Parkgate,
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