

Welcome

to Concerts at St Ann's Church

Welcome to the first in a series of termly week-long music festivals at St Ann's. Entitled Music for Holy Week, this festival features some very special and unique concerts to mark the week of Jesus' death and resurrection.

St Ann's, a Grade I listed building, is at the heart of Manchester city centre and has a long tradition of offering the best as part of the cultural life of the city. The weekly organ recital series goes back at least to the early 1920's, there are regular concerts from students at the RNCM, and professional recitals from both Manchester-based and visiting artists.

Musicians are never simply players or singers. They are men and women, and sometimes children, who are offering something of themselves. Skills are developed over the years but at the heart of performance is a communication between the player or the singer and his or her listeners. In this way the experience of music is analogous to prayer – which is why music has always had a place in the centre of the Church's worship.

Consecrated in 1712, St Ann's Church provides a perfect setting to hear liturgical music where it was intended to be performed. Here in the city centre it is natural for us to present a high quality musical offering; it is meant to engage the audience and to make our contribution to the rich cultural life of our great city. You are welcome to be part of it.

Music for Holy Week: April 9 – 16

Sunday 9 April

10.45am

Palm Sunday Eucharist
(St Ann's Choir)

Darke: Communion Service in F
Weelkes: Hosanna to the Son of David

Free entry

5.00pm

Palm Sunday Evensong
(St Ann's Choir)

Shepard: Preces and Responses
Howells: St Paul's Service
Bruckner: Christus Factus Est

Free entry



Tuesday 11 April

7.30pm

Simon Passmore, Organ

JS Bach: Lent Chorale Preludes from the Orgelbüchlein
(Each chorale will be sung in German)

Dupré: Le Chemin de la Croix, op. 29
(Poetry by Paul Claudel, translated John J. Burke, Narrator: Jude Mitson)

Join our Organist and Director of Music Simon Passmore in a concert featuring two epic works of the organ repertoire. Bach's *Orgelbüchlein* is truly a masterclass in composition; each chorale prelude a miniature gem, displaying Bach's refined genius in communicating music so perfect across such a small amount of time. Dupré's rarely-performed *Le Chemin de la Croix* is one of the most intensely moving organ works of the 20th century; it is a journey which tells the story of Jesus' final hours in this world, beginning in the court of Pontius Pilate and ending with His body being laid in the tomb.

£12 (Full), £7 (Concession), £4 (Student)



Wednesday 12 April

8.00pm

(refreshments available from 7.30pm)

Turton Consort

Gesualdo: Tenebrae Responsories for Holy Saturday

Leonie Maxwell, Aimee Presswood (Sopranos)
Joseph Judge (Countertenor)
Robert Shorter, Ranald McCusker (Tenors)
James Berry (Bass)

Prince, murderer, and composer: Don Carlo Gesualdo di Venosa was at least all of these. Following an acclaimed performance of Monteverdi's Fourth Book of Madrigals last year, Turton Consort return to St Ann's to offer this vividly chromatic music.

"If there is a heaven, that's what it sounds like. The soprano voices in particular were mind blowing; pure perfection to me, breaking through the audience pre-concert mumbling like a ray of light through the stained glass windows. The final madrigals were sung from the front of the church bringing a finale so natural and perfect that felt like a boat gently pulling into shore."
Review of Turton Consort –Monteverdi Book IV, Brigid Callaghan

£12 (Full), £7 (Concession),
£4 (Student)



Thursday 13 April (Maundy Thursday)

7.30pm

The Supper of the Lord
(with the washing of feet)

Howells: Communion Service (Collegium Regale)
Durufié: Ubi Caritas

Free entry

9.00pm

Simon Vincent,
Piano

Meditations
on Christ in
the Garden of
Gethsemane

La Mia Coppa Trabocca (My cup runneth over – a meditation on Psalm 23)

Meditations on Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane is a solo piano meditation upon the hours that Christ spent in final prayer on Maundy Thursday, in the garden of Gethsemane. It is in the form of a dialogue between Him and God, in which both pose questions and provide answers as Christ seeks to understand that which He is and is about to become. *La Mia Coppa Trabocca* (My cup runneth over) for piano and electronics, an interpretation of Psalm 23, which asks performer and audience alike to open themselves and their hearts both to receive and give unconditional love, a theme of utmost relevance and importance to us today.

£7 (Full), £5 (Concession), £3 (Student)



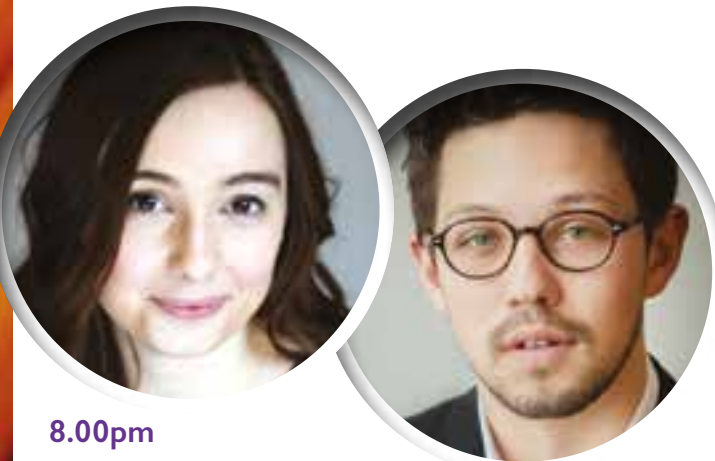
*Friday 14 April
(Good Friday)*

12.00pm

At the Foot of the Cross:
Music, Meditations and Prayers
for Good Friday

Music to include Allegri – Miserere and Moore –
It is a thing most wonderful

Free entry



8.00pm

St Ann's Ensemble

Pergolesi – Stabat Mater

Leonie Maxwell (Soprano)
Joseph Judge (Countertenor)
St Ann's Choir

Described as "the most perfect and touching duet
to come from the pen of any composer" by the
philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Pergolesi's
Stabat Mater rightfully deserves its place as
one of the great liturgical works of all time.
St Ann's Ensemble, who gave a highly-acclaimed
full performance of Handel's Messiah in
December, is directed by
Simon Passmore.

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£4 (Student)**



*Sunday 16 April
(Easter Sunday)*

10.45am

Easter Sunday Eucharist
(St Ann's Choir)

Vierne: Messe Solennelle
Byrd: Haec Dies
Vaughan-Williams:
Easter from Five Mystical Songs

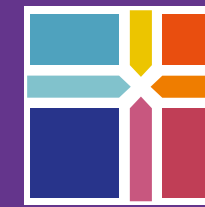
Free entry

5.00pm

Easter Sunday Evensong
(St Ann's Choir)

Sumsion: Preces and Responses
Stanford: Evening Service in A
Bairstow: Blessed City, Heavenly Salem

Free entry



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