



Music in Bosham

Sunday 30th November, 6pm
Holy Trinity Church

Messiah
Part One



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Music by George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

Libretto by Charles Jennens (1700-1773)

Conductor: Ben Lathbury

Chorus: The Holy Trinity “Come & Sing” Choir

Soprano: Amani Abu-El-Hawa

Tenor: Jon Grave

Bass: Ben Lathbury

Organ: Richard Barnes

PROGRAMME

PART ONE

"The prophecy and realisation of God's plan to redeem mankind by the coming of the Messiah"

Organ

Sinfonia (Overture)

Isaiah's Prophecy of Salvation

Tenor

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness; prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

(Isaiah 40: 1-3)

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight and the rough places plain.

(Isaiah 40: 4)

Chorus

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

(Isaiah 40: 5)

The Coming Judgement

Bass

Thus saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts: Yet once a little while and I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land.

And I will shake all nations; and the desire of all nations shall come.

(Haggai 2: 6-7)

The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the Covenant, whom you delight in; behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

(Malachi 3: 1)

Bass

But who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire.

(Malachi 3: 2)

Chorus

And He shall purify the sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

(Malachi 3: 3)

The Prophecy of Christ's Birth

Bass

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Emmanuel, God with us.

(Isaiah 7: 14; Matthew 1: 23)

Bass & Chorus

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain. O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God!

(Isaiah 40: 9)

Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

(Isaiah 60: 1)

Bass

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee.

And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

(Isaiah 60: 2-3)

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

(Isaiah 9: 2)

Chorus

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.
(Isaiah 9: 6)

The Annunciation to the Shepherds

Soprano

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

(Luke 2: 8-11)

And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying:

(Luke 2: 13)

Chorus

"Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will towards men."
(Luke 2: 14)

Christ's Healing & Redemption

Soprano

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, thy King cometh unto thee; He is the righteous Saviour, and He shall speak peace unto the heathen.

(Zechariah 9: 9-10)

Bass & Soprano

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.

(Isaiah 35: 5-6)

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

(Isaiah 40: 11)

Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest.

Take his yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

(Matthew 11: 28-29)

Chorus

His yoke is easy, and His burden is light.

(Matthew 11: 30)

Many thanks for supporting this evening's performance. We hope that you enjoyed your time at Holy Trinity Church and look forward to welcoming you again.

Music in Bosham will return for a brand new season of music next year. The first concert will be on Sunday 1st February 2026.

For further information on *Music in Bosham* events, or for any other enquiries or comments, please contact *Music in Bosham's* Artistic Director Ben Lathbury:

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Music in Bosham

2026 Season

1st February

Ben Lathbury & Anya Kolesnik, Piano

1st March

TBC

3rd May

The Parnassian Ensemble

7th June

‘Have I Got Tunes for You’

2nd August

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6th September

The Last Night of the Proms

4th October

Chichester Chamber Ensemble

1st November

Matthew Draper, Oboe

6th December

A Christmas Extravaganza

All concerts take place at Holy Trinity Church, Bosham on the first Sunday of the month at 6pm

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