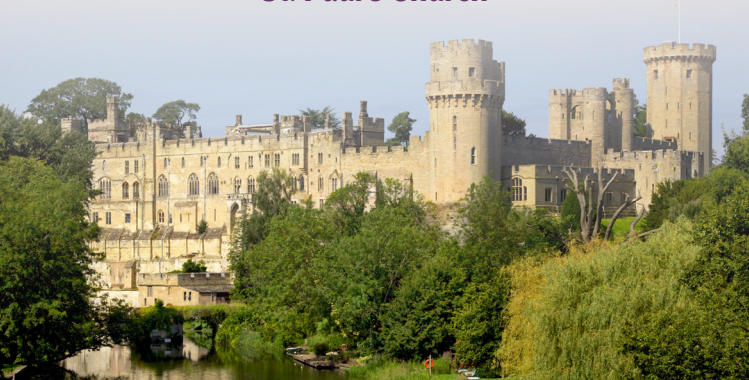


Warwick Choral Festival 2022

June 17 – July 24

Venues include:

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Warwick Castle – The Dream Factory
St. Paul's Church



Performers include:

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Warwick Folk Festival – Choir of Clare College Cambridge
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Oriflamme Amnesty Opera Ensemble – Da Capo
Children and Young People of Warwick – Singing for Pleasure

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WARWICK INDEPENDENT
SCHOOLS FOUNDATION



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Everyone deserves the opportunity to have singing in their lives and we are very fortunate to have such riches of opportunity locally and so many choirs and organisations promoting the benefits of singing; particularly for wellbeing and our physical and mental health.

There are a wonderful range of concerts and events within this the very first **Warwick Choral Festival** and I believe that the local community should be very proud of how this reflects the strong cultural life in Warwick.

Warwick – A Singing Town aims to promote the value and benefits of singing for the whole community and we do this through our education, health and community support – or as we like to call it:

Happiness and Health in Harmony.

Jeremy Dibb

Research and delivery lead
Warwick – A Singing Town



Friday 17 June | 7.30pm

St Paul's Church, Friars St. Warwick CV34 6HA

Singing for Pleasure 'Summertime'

Programme:

Charity concert in aid of Northleigh House School.

A variety of classical, folk and popular songs

Singing for Pleasure (www.singing-for-pleasure.co.uk), is an open access community choir which meets in the Unitarian Chapel, Warwick. We sing for our own pleasure and enjoy sharing our music with others. As well as singing locally we have performed in other towns in England and have made several trips to France, including to Saumur, Warwick's twin town and we have performed with other choirs in France as well as here. We are very pleased to be associated with *Warwick, a Singing Town*, and are excited this year to be working with Dominic Matthews who is creating a piece for us which will be performed at our December concert. We have raised thousands of pounds for local charities and are very pleased to be raising money today for Northleigh House School which provides a therapeutic learning environment for vulnerable children.

Ticket information:

£8 – including refreshments – under 18s free

**from Presto Music, Warwick Books, members of the choir
and John on 01926 747393**



Saturday 18 June | 7.30pm

Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick CV34 4RA

Collegium Warwick and Beauchamp Sinfonietta

Director: Oliver Hancock

Soloists: Lucy Cronin, Mark Williams, Ryan Williams,
Samuel Hancock

Collegium Warwick celebrated its 30th anniversary during the lockdowns of the pandemic, but has roared back to life for its 2021-22 season with music by Mendelssohn, Mozart, Pergolesi, and Rossini. This, the final concert of the season, offers a feast of musical delights, with a quartet of excellent soloists and members of the Beauchamp Sinfonietta, with whom Collegium has collaborated a number of times: Schubert's *Mass in G*, Handel's *Organ Concerto in F, No.4* – *The Cuckoo and the Nightingale* – and Bach's Cantata No.147 *Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben* (wherein the famous *Jesu, joy of man's desiring* may be found).

Ticket information:

£13 – accompanied under-16s free

Tickets available from members of Collegium or on the door

All as shown in the What's On section of St Mary's website



Saturday 25 June | 7.30pm

Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick CV34 4RA

The Choirs of the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick and Beauchamp Sinfonietta

Director: Oliver Hancock

Including music by Parry, Mendelssohn, Vaughan Williams, Willan, and Brahms

Celebrating Ralph Vaughan William's 150th birthday, the Choirs of the Collegiate Church of St Mary offer his 'Five Mystical Songs' as part of their annual concert. With a nod to Her Majesty The Queen's jubilee, the concert begins with Parry's *'I was glad'*, and features works by Brahms, Mendelssohn and Healey Willan, ending with Parry's glorious *'Blest pair of sirens'*. The Choirs are very pleased to be working alongside the Beauchamp Sinfonietta for this concert, and wish to express their thanks to the *William A Cadbury Trust* and the *Warwick Choral Trust* for their support of this concert.

Ticket information:

£13 – accompanied under-16s free

Tickets available from May 9 via [Eventbrite](#) or on the door



Saturday 25 June | 7.30pm

Holy Trinity Church, Leamington Spa CV32 5RE

Warwick and Kenilworth Choral Society Summer Concert

Director: David Wynne

Bob Chilcott – *A Little Jazz Mass*

John Rutter – *Birthday Madrigals*

The WKCS's summer concert will be a little bit different from its recent Haydn concert – as most of the pieces use jazz rhythms and intonation. This makes for some challenging four- and six-part harmony. The programme includes *A Little Jazz Mass* by Chilcott, with its striking '*Gloria*', where he uses jazz rhythms to enhance its message. There is also the Anglo-American composer Shearing's *Songs and Sonnets*, settings of Shakespeare's songs in his jazz style, including '*It was a Lover and His Lass*'. The third piece is Rutter's *Birthday Madrigals*, written to celebrate Shearing's 75th birthday. This too is heavily dependent on rhythm for its attraction. These works are accompanied by piano and drums. The concert undoubtedly will benefit from the acoustic of Holy Trinity Church. And for those wanting a more traditional sound, there will be four English madrigals. The Warwick and Kenilworth choir are getting in the swing!

Ticket information:

£15 or £5 for under-18s and students with ID

**from Warwick Books, Kenilworth Books, Presto Music,
Leamington Spa**



Sunday 26 June | 7.30pm

The Dream Factory, Playbox Theatre, Warwick CV34 6LE

Royal Birmingham Conservatoire

Summer Opera Double Bill

Charpentier – *Les Arts Florissants*

Offenbach – *Mesdames de la Halle*

Conducted by Jeffrey Skidmore and directed by Stuart Barker

Warwick's summer opera house presents a contrasting double bill with Marc-Antoine Charpentier's baroque classic followed by Jacques Offenbach's one act comedy written in the same year as his ever popular *Orpheus in the Underworld*. In a romp around a Parisian market, we meet an ostentatious drum major and three comely market vendors with surprisingly deep voices. With English dialogue and surtitles for arias sung in French.

Pre-show talk at 6.30 on *Charpentier* and *Les Arts Florissants* by Prof Graham Sadler and Dr Shirley Thompson of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. Free and followed by a glass of French wine.

Ticket information:

£20 and £1 students all unreserved

Booking on www.leamingtonmusic.org or call 01926 334418.

Also at The Dream Factory and Warwick and Leamington VICs.



Thursday 30 June | 7.30pm

Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick CV34 4RA

Armonico Consort and orchestra

Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II Concert

Director: Christopher Monks

Narrator: Nicholas Owen

The Choirs of the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick

Programme highlights include: Parry '*I Was Glad*', Handel '*Zadok the Priest*', Walton '*Coronation Te Deum*', Vaughan Williams '*Creed (Mass in g minor)*', *The National Anthem* (arr. Jacobs).

In 2022 we mark the special occasion of the Platinum Jubilee of the world's longest reigning Monarch, Her Majesty the Queen. For hundreds of years, the Crowning of our Monarch has been an increasingly spectacular and unique occasion and each time new music was added to be performed alongside that from previous Coronations.

Armonico Consort will recreate the highlights of the Coronation Service of Queen Elizabeth II from 1953 in this unique concert performance. Narrated by former Royal Correspondent for ITV News, BBC presenter, and one of the best-known faces in news broadcasting, Nicholas Owen, Armonico Consort's five-star Choir and orchestra will revive one of the most epic days of the 20th Century.

Ticket information:

From £17.50

Booking info: www.armonico.org.uk or 01926 334418



Saturday 2 July | 7.30pm

Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick CV34 4RA

Da Capo Chamber Choir

Romance and Rhyme

Romantic poets and romantic poetry in music for a cappella choir, set to music by composers of the last 150 years

Celebrating their 15th anniversary this year, this popular and highly-accomplished a cappella choir presents a varied secular programme ranging from works by Vaughan Williams, Parry, Mealeor and Eric Whitacre to arrangements of hits by The Beatles and The Beach Boys.

Da Capo is a strictly not for profit choir, and is staging this concert in aid of Campaign 2023, St Mary's tower restoration fund.

Ticket information:

£12.50 – school children free

www.dacapochoir.org.uk



Sunday 3 July
Singing Celebration

Warwick – A S

To celebrate the first year of *Warwick – A Singing Town*, hundreds of children and young people from our p



Singing Celebration

Concert 1: 11.00-11.45am

Children from Evergreen school,
Woodloes and Westgate Primary schools

Concert 2: 12.15-1.00pm

Children from St. Mary Immaculate Catholic, Heathcote
and Aylesford Primary schools

Concert 3: 1.30-2.15pm

Children from Coten End Primary
and All Saints Junior schools

It's the sun
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light

Singing Town

A day of singing will bring together partner schools to celebrate the joy of singing.



Warwick's Got Singing Talent Grand Final

Bridge House Theatre: 6.00-8.00pm

Featuring young performers from Warwick secondary schools and special guest compere Mr. Tom Elliot

Supported by **Churches Together** in Warwick



Tuesday 5 July | 7.30pm

Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick CV34 4RA

The Choir of Clare College, Cambridge

A Vaughan Williams Legacy

Conductor: Graham Ross

Organ: George Gillow and Samuel Jones

Choir of Clare College, Cambridge

The Choir of Clare College, Cambridge and conductor Graham Ross, after three very successful concerts in Leamington, make their debut in St Mary's Church, Warwick with a beautiful programme celebrating the 150th anniversary of Ralph Vaughan Williams. A sublime programme featuring music from the great composer along with Wylkynson, Judith Weir, Howard Skempton, William Denis Browne, Howells, Eric Whitacre, Stanford, and Parry.

Ticket information:

£25 and £25 unreserved – £1 student ticket

Booking info: www.leamingtonmusic.org or 01926 334418



Saturday 9 July | 7.30pm

St Nicholas Church, St. Nicholas Church St, Warwick CV34 4JD

Divertimento

70 Glorious Years

A light-hearted look at British and Commonwealth music throughout Her Majesty's 70 year reign

Musical Director: Laura Bailie

Programme: Judith Weir, Vaughan Williams, Ken Burton, Queen, The Beatles, Leonard Cohen

The appointment of new Musical Director Laura Bailie marks the beginning of a new and exciting era for Divertimento. As such, they wanted to do something different for the Jubilee – something that would reflect Laura's youth, energy and enthusiasm, as well as the tremendous variety of music written during the Queen's reign.

This is a Jubilee concert unlike any other, featuring both classical and popular composers from Britain and the Commonwealth. Vaughan Williams and Ken Burton celebrate the Coronation and the Golden Jubilee. Master of the Queen's Music Judith Weir provides soaring, passionate inspiration, and no Jubilee concert would be complete without a Queen – in this case, a fabulous King's Singers arrangement of Queen's *Seaside Rendezvous*. Listen out also for Lennon & McCartney and Leonard Cohen.

An evening of fun and entertainment from around the globe, all designed to make your heart sing and get your toes tapping.

Ticket information:

£15 – children 18 and under FREE

www.divertimento.org.uk



Friday 15 - Saturday 16 July | 7.30pm

The Dream Factory, Playbox Theatre, Warwick CV34 6LE

HARMONY

In partnership with Leamington Music, Warwick – A Singing Town and Warwick District Council

Conception: Juliet Vankay, Emily Jane Quash

Music Director: Richard Norris.

Playbox Theatre is delighted to announce a Summer presentation at The Dream Factory, Warwick to celebrate the glorious and rich world of the Musical in its many forms.

With both the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games and *Warwick – A Singing Town*, Playbox Theatre places the emphasis on song this summer following the premiere of a new play, *MARINER*, written for the company by Toby Quash. *HARMONY* is a summer night for everyone staged in the delightful surroundings of The Dream Factory with its spacious front of house areas, outdoor Phoenix Theatre and arena and the intimate, perfect for the music, auditorium.

After staging *THE SECRET GARDEN* this Spring, the company decided that this Summer must be one of joyful song...in essence, from the world of French Opera to Broadway and beyond. Our valued partnerships enable this aspiration to be realised.

Ticket information:

www.playboxtheatre.com



Thursday 21 - Sunday 24 July
Castle Park, Warwick

Warwick Folk Festival

at Warwick Castle

The Heart Of Folk

Presenting the very best in traditional and contemporary folk arts

Seth Lakeman – Thursday

Show of Hands – Friday

Spiers and Boden – Saturday

The Young'uns – Sunday

Headline acts this year include Festival Patron and internationally renowned multi-instrumentalist Will Pound as well as festival evergreens Show of Hands, The Young'uns and Seth Lakeman.

The ever-popular John Spiers and Jon Boden will take to the stage in the big marquee as will the award-winning Nancy Kerr – the 2015 Folk Singer of the Year at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards. Check out the full line-up on our website.

Ticket information:

www.warwickfolkfestival.co.uk/tickets/



Saturday 23 July | 6.30pm

Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick CV34 4RA

In aid of Amnesty International

Mascagni's Cavalleria Rusticana

Conductor: Antoine Mitchell

Oriflamme Chamber Ensemble

A very special concert given free of charge by The Oriflamme ensemble in order to raise as much money as possible for Amnesty international.

Richard Lloyd Owen – Tenor

John Kiefert – Baritone

Eleanor Parsons – Soprano

Caitlin Suffield – Soprano

Rose Rowley – Mezzo Soprano

And masterpieces from Puccini's Le Villi, Edgar and La Bohème

Ticket information:

Tickets £15 children £7.50

on the door and from Presto Music, Warwick Books

or email jsault8@gmail.com



Weekly Sessions Wednesdays | 1-2.30 pm

All Saints Church, Vicarage Fields, Warwick CV34 5NL

Warwick Memory Singers

To book a place or for further information please contact Sarah Riddell: sriddell@armonico.org.uk or call 07722 632242

Singing has been proven to be beneficial in helping people living with dementia to unlock their memories and re-establish cognitive pathways. Our weekly singing sessions, led by specially-trained musicians are about bringing people together in a fun, friendly and safe environment. They can help build new friendships and boost confidence, helping people to feel more positive and supported.

The sessions are open to anyone living with dementia or other neurological condition, but participants need to be accompanied by a carer. The sessions include fun warm-ups, activity songs and a wide variety of familiar tunes. They provide an opportunity to socialise with others and refreshments are served. Each week there is also the chance to sit back and enjoy our musicians performing a solo piece from our classical repertoire.

Ticket information:

First session free, £5 per week (Carers go free)



Warwick – A Singing Town Aims

1

To celebrate the joy of singing.

2

For singing to be part of the artistic and cultural post-pandemic renewal in Warwick.

3

For all residents to have access to high-quality singing and choral opportunities.

4

For on-going, high-quality singing and choral opportunities to be part of every school pupil's entitlement.

5

For the therapeutic benefits of singing to be better understood, and promoted for our residents.

Above all, **Warwick – A Singing Town** should create a positive and exciting project for all Warwick residents that will inspire and generate optimism and enthusiasm.

Sing for well-being • Coffee and chat • Build confidence

Sing for Joy

Thursdays 12.45-2.00pm

Chase Meadow Community Centre



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For more information contact:

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