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You can also visit our **webpage**
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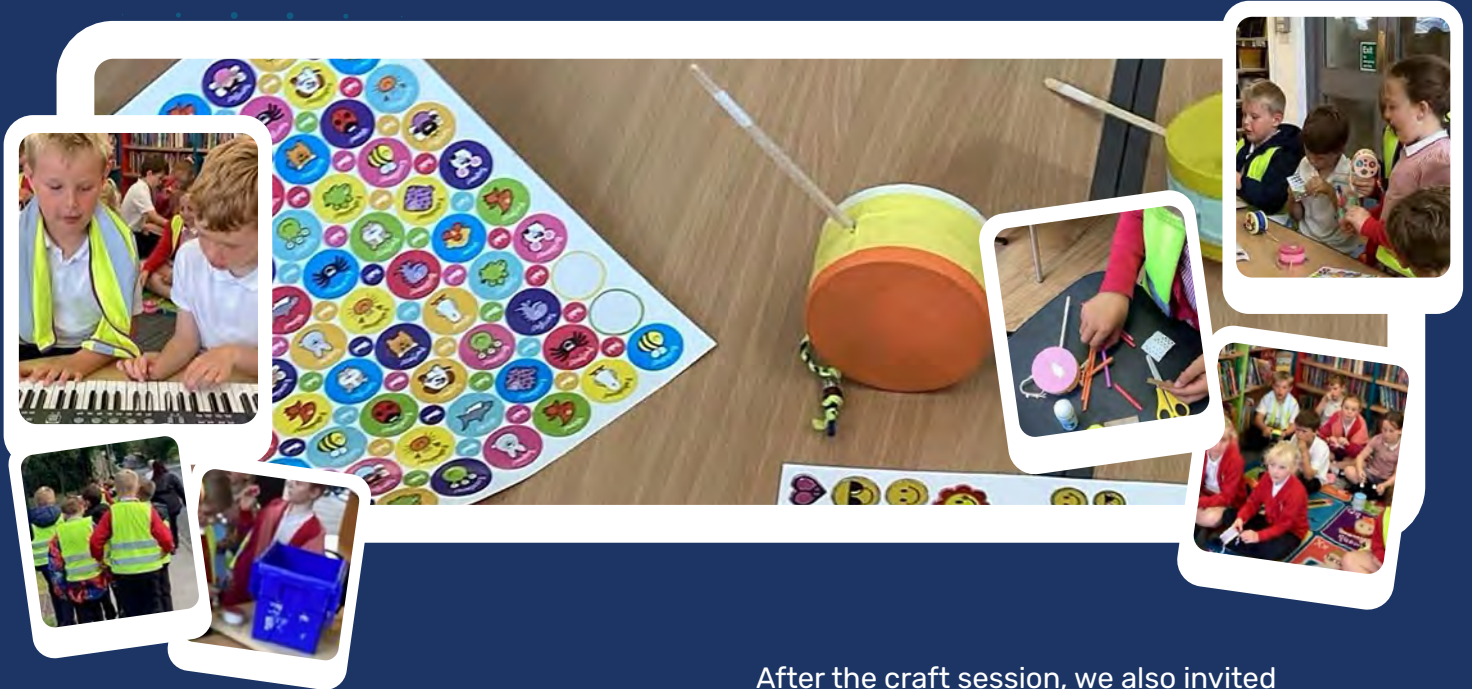
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Our opening hours

Monday	9.00am – 4.30pm
Tuesday	9.00am – 12.30pm
Wednesday	9.00am – 6.30pm
Thursday	9.00am – 4.30pm
Friday	9.00am – 4.30pm
Saturday	9.00am – 12.30pm

CELEBRATING MAKE MUSIC DAY



This year, along with students from Farrington Moss St. Paul's Church of England Primary School, we celebrated Make Music Day by getting creative and exploring which musical instruments we could make using household objects and bits and bobs already on hand in the library.

As it turned out, we had lots of items at our disposal, and we were amazed by the creativity and design flair the students demonstrated as they embraced the challenge. It was great to see how much they enjoyed customising the drums, panpipes and castanets they helped to create.

We used cardboard and buttons to make castanets, empty tape rolls, balloons and drink stirrers (with a little crafting magic) to make drums, and straws secured with coloured paper to make the panpipes, with some of the pupils even making instruments for their siblings. It was fantastic to see how invested the students were in the session and how they took that enthusiasm home with them to share the experience.

After the craft session, we also invited the students to try their hand at playing a ukelele, acoustic and electric guitars and an electric keyboard, all of which were a huge hit. Each student tried every instrument at least once and we were particularly impressed by a couple of impromptu duets on the keyboard and the high number of budding electric guitar wizards!

Make Music Day is an international event which takes place annually and always on 21st June. People from all walks of life come together in celebration of, and to share their love of music in communities across the globe. You don't have to be a professional to take part, anyone can get involved, so put the date in your diary for next year and get in touch with us here at the Music & Drama Service if you would like to share your musical talents in your local library on **Make Music Day 2027.**

HOGHTON IN HARMONY

**Come and join us at
Lostock Hall Library**

**Wednesday 9 December
From 4.00pm**



Hoghton in Harmony Brings Community Together Through Song

A local well-being community choir is continuing to bring people together through the simple pleasures of singing and friendship.

Hoghton in Harmony, based in the Lancashire village of Hoghton, was launched in February 2015 with a mission to “link communities through song and tea.” The welcoming choir is open to everyone, with no previous singing experience or audition required.

Run by soprano Helen Latham, the choir performs a diverse range of music, ensuring there is something for everyone. Its repertoire spans traditional folk songs through to popular favourites from The Greatest Showman, Mumford & Sons and Rodgers and Hammerstein.

As well as regular rehearsals, Hoghton in Harmony plays an active part in the local community, frequently performing at concerts and seasonal events throughout the area.

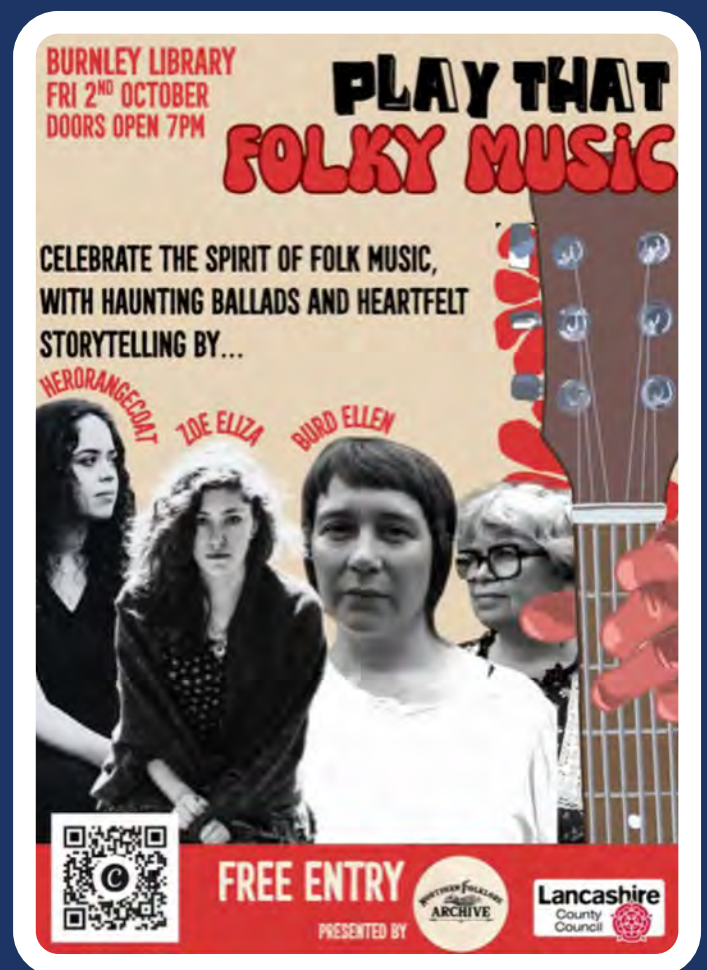
One of its particularly memorable traditions is performing festive carols by the fireside in the Banqueting Hall at the historic Hoghton Tower, helping to create a warm and traditional atmosphere during the Christmas season.

With its focus on wellbeing, friendship and community, Hoghton in Harmony continues to demonstrate how music can bring people together – one song and cup of tea at a time.



BURNLEY LIBRARY

EVENTS



Local artist or musical educator looking for a space to host a performance/workshop?

Please email the library at

Burnley.Library@lancashire.gov.uk

For information about upcoming events, please visit Burnley Library's 'What's On' page on the Lancashire County council website.

Current opening hours:

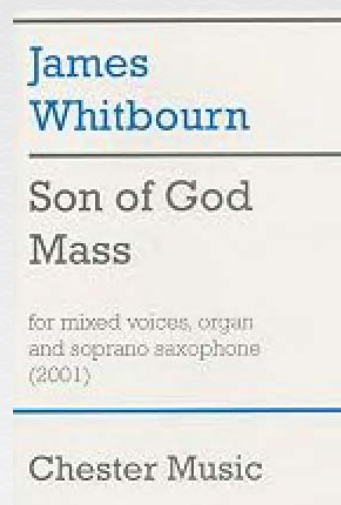
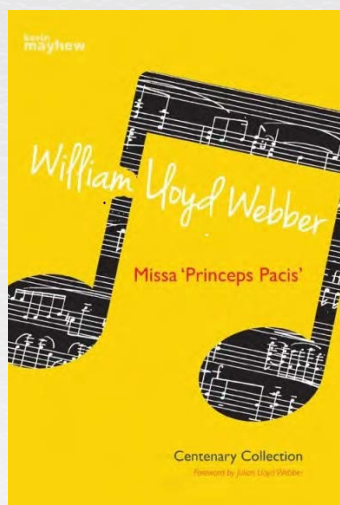
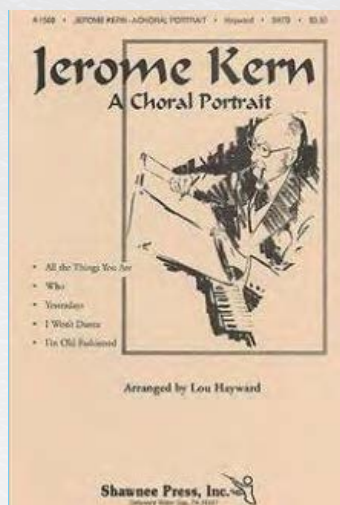
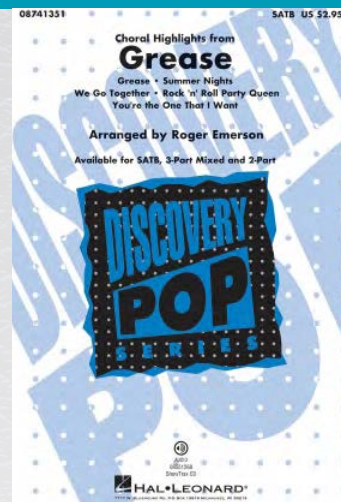
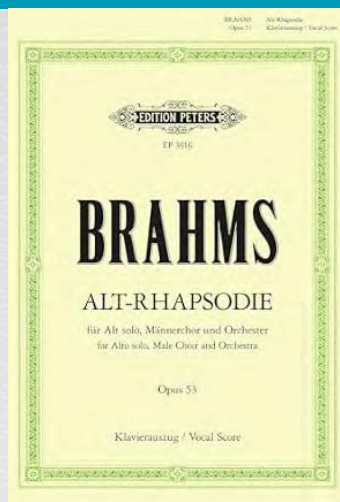
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and 2.00pm – 4.00pm

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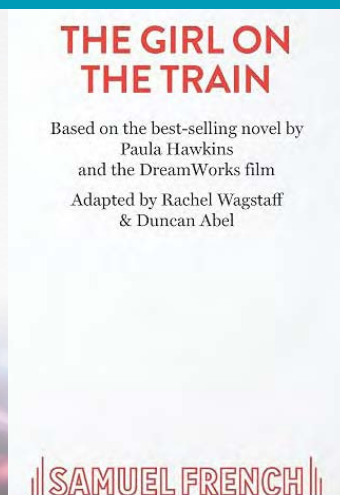
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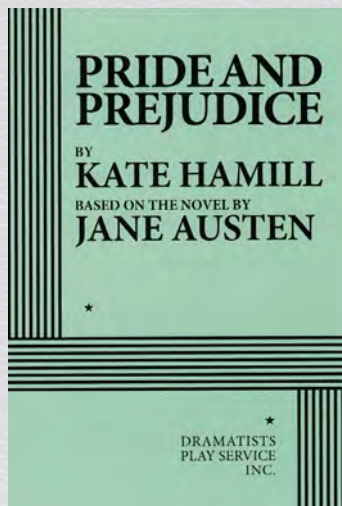
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Vocal Scores

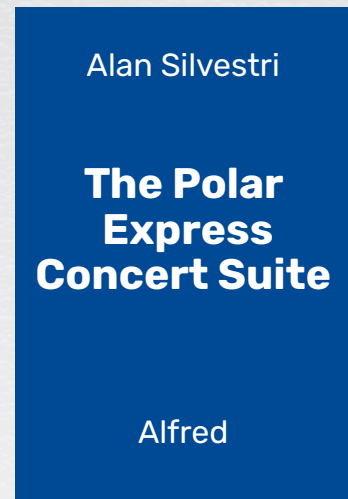
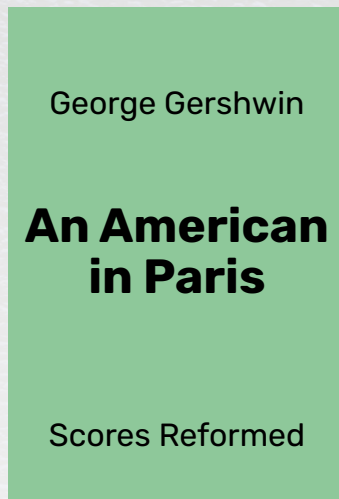


Play Sets





Orchestral Sets





We are very excited to be celebrating our **100th Season** and have a programme of concerts and events planned to mark this significant anniversary, culminating in a Centenary Concert in November 2027. Founded in 1927 by Alice Livesey, we believe we are the oldest Choral group in Preston. What started as a ladies choir soon expanded and recruited men to form a mixed choir that became '**The Preston Cecilian Choir**' and we've been singing ever since.

Our namesake St Cecilia, the Patron Saint of Music, can be found in part of a stained-glass window in St Michael & All Angels Church, Ashton, where Alice Livesey was the organist for many years. Since 1927, we've performed a wide-ranging repertoire of concerts, for Guild years, and fund-raising events in Preston and the surrounding area. There is only one year in our history in which we didn't perform a concert, the Autumn 2021 - Autumn 22 season, due to Covid lockdown and restrictions. However, even Covid didn't stop us singing, we sang via online rehearsals, whilst eagerly anticipating the return to making music together.

Our **100th Season** launched in September with a short event as part of Preston Arts Festival in The Harris Museum where we sang some songs from the Rotunda. Rehearsals are now under way for the first half of our 100th Season. Our programme for the year can be found at: cecilians@cecilians.org.uk.

We are fortunate to have **Marc Murray** as our Musical Director; he was appointed at the start of the 2022 season. We have benefited enormously from Marc's musicality, depth of knowledge of Choral music (both ancient and modern, sacred & secular) and his personal commitment to



ensuring we are as good as we can be. Rehearsals with Marc are uplifting as he combines getting us through what we need to learn whilst ensuring that we enjoy engaging with the music, a winning combination.

Our **100th Season** is a special year. If you'd like to sing with us, please come along to rehearsals on Mondays at 7.30pm, school terms only at St Augustine's Primary School, St Austin's Place, Avenham PR1 3YJ. New members are most welcome; it's a great year to join. An ability to read music is not essential, just come along and give us a try. Details online - we'll be delighted to see you. The Autumn Term finds us working on Handel's 'Messiah', which we last performed in 2012.

'The Messiah' is acknowledged as a masterpiece of Baroque music that inspires singers and audiences alike for its wondrous music and ability to transcend any era. To share the joy of this wonderful work we are hosting a 'Come & Sing' day on 17 October at St Leonard's Church Penwortham. On 28 November there is a concert performance of 'The Messiah' along with 'The Rawstorne Singers' (also directed by Marc Murray). With full chorus, professional soloists and accompanying orchestra and the excellent acoustics of St Mary's Church, Brownedge, it is a treat in store for all. Spring term has a highlight of the **100th Season**. We commissioned a new work from well-known local musician and composer Robin Stopford. The premiere of this work 'When Music Sounds' will be performed at St Mary's Church, Penwortham, on 13 March 2027, along with other pieces. Robin has an enthusiastic group of supporters in the Preston area; we can't wait to start learning his new work and will be proud to give its first performance. Do come and listen.

Come & Join The Cecilians
as a singer or audience member for our 100th Season!

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What's on! October



2026 Lunchtime Recital Series

1.00 - 1.45pm (doors open from 12.30)

Longton St. Andrew's Church, Liverpool Road PR4 5AA

- Oct 1** **Madalina Rusu (Piano)**
A programme of romantic composers such as Chopin, Schumann, Liszt and Rachmaninoff
- Nov 5** **Rosa Stemp (Violin)**
Including music by Mozart, Grieg and Kreisler
- Dec 3** **Kieran Smith (Bari-tenor)**
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PRESTON CECILIAN CHORAL SOCIETY

2026-2027 100TH SEASON

'Come and Sing Messiah Choruses'

Saturday 17 October 2026, 10am-5pm

St Leonard's Church, Penwortham PR1 9JA

£20 for the day includes: music, choral tuition and refreshments

Informal performance 4.00pm, free with retiring collection

Booking details: cecilians@cecilians.org.uk • www.trybooking.co.uk/GBVG

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SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER at 2pm
Box Office : 01253 224716 Tickets £14
Book online: www.thorntonlittletheatre.co.uk

This amateur production of "BETTER OFF DEAD" is presented by
arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of
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The Windmill Players present **"Better Off Dead"**,
a laugh-out-loud comedy by Alan Ayckbourn.

"Better Off Dead" is a laugh-out-loud comedy
centred on the larger than-life and notoriously
irascible crime writer Algy Waterbridge.

Set in Algy's garden and summer house, where he
is hard at work on his 33rd crime novel, the story
springs to life as his latest creation unfolds before
our eyes.

His blunt Yorkshire detective, DCI Tommy
Middlebrass, and his loyal sidekick, DS Gemma
Price, step off the page to investigate another
baffling case.

As fiction and reality begin to blur, a colourful cast
of characters, unexpected twists and plenty of
comic confusion keep the audience guessing. But
beneath the laughs lies a touching story about a
cantankerous old man who may not be quite as
grumpy as he seems! A warm-hearted comedy
packed with mystery, mayhem and memorable
characters, **"Better Off Dead"** promises an
entertaining night of comedy theatre.



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CHORALE 2027 GLORY AND WONDER

A CHORAL CELEBRATION

COME AND SING DAY

**SATURDAY
24TH OCTOBER 2026**

1PM – 5PM

- 🎵 Vivaldi Gloria
- 🎵 Chilcott A little Jazz Mass
- 🎵 Come and sing Rutter

*All things Bright and beautiful /
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plus other well-loved pieces.*



BOOK A PLACE

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wendy.hope22@outlook.com

DATES



COME & SING TASTER DAY

Saturday
24 October 2026
1pm – 5pm



SATURDAY REHEARSALS (with Jeff)

- 9 January 2027
 - 13 February 2027
 - 6 March 2027
 - 20 March 2027
- 10.30am – 3.30pm



WEDNESDAY REHEARSALS (with Eric)

Weekly,
7.30pm – 9.00pm
**13 January –
31 March 2027**



CONCERT DAY

Saturday
3 April 2027
3pm Rehearsal
7pm Concert



VENUE FOR ALL REHEARSALS AND CONCERT:
Immanuel Church, New Lane, Oswaldtwistle

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A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

by Robert Bolt

Directed by Heather Cartmell

Wed 28th to Sat 31st
OCTOBER 2026

TICKETS AVAILABLE from
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This amateur production of "A Man For All Seasons" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

Robert Bolt's *A Man For All Seasons* is not merely a historical drama; it is a clinical study of the soul under pressure. Set against the backdrop of Tudor England — a world of velvet, violence, and shifting allegiances — it follows the final years of *Sir Thomas More*, the Lord Chancellor who chose the silence of his conscience over the roar of a king's command.

As *King Henry VIII* seeks to dismantle the spiritual foundations of Europe to secure an annulment and an heir, More stands as the "centre of gravity" in a spinning world. He is a man of profound wit and even deeper law, a man who believes that when a person takes an oath, they are holding their own self in their hands like water.

The play explores the terrifying friction between private integrity and public necessity. Through the eyes of the *Common Man* — the cynical, character-changing narrator who reminds us that we are often more complicit than we'd like to admit — we witness a slow-motion collision between a man who will not yield and a state that cannot wait.

Director *Heather Cartmell* says, "I'm a mad history buff; I'm fascinated by the past and The Tudors are some of the most interesting people in history. I have always wanted to direct this play as it is a powerful piece of theatre with themes such as loyalty, belief, conscience and integrity all still relevant today. It deals with a person's choice in the face of wrongdoing and whether to be safe, silent and side with the majority or stand up for what you believe is right at the risk of your own personal safety and possibly your life."



SCAN TO BOOK
TICKETS



What's on!

November

SALFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

Fauré Requiem

Saturday 7 November 2026, 7.30pm • RNCM Manchester

Experience the beauty of Fauré's much-loved Requiem in this choir and organ performance. Salford Choral Society's 90-strong choir will be accompanied by organist Gary Hulme on the RNCM's magnificent Hradetsky organ.

Supporting pieces include Five Mystical Songs (Vaughan Williams) and Jubilate Deo (Benjamin Britten). Conducted by the charismatic Tom Newall, Salford Choral's Music Director, it promises to be a night to remember. Soloists tbc.

Tickets: £23, concessions £19 (inc. £1 booking fee)

www.rncm.ac.uk/performance/salford-choral-society-presents-faures-requiem/

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BLACKBURN
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MUSICAL DIRECTOR: JOHN ROBINSON

GLORIA

Vivaldi
Vaughan Williams

Saturday 14th November 7pm
St Silas Church, Blackburn

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM MEMBERS AND ON THE DOOR
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ENQUIRIES 01254 377153 (ANSAPHONE)

CHARITY NO: 500709



Todmorden Orchestra

Saturday 14 November 2026 – 7.30pm

Todmorden Town Hall, Bridge St. OL14 5AQ

Guitarist Richard Haslam joins us as soloist in Rodrigo's Concerto de Aranjuez, alongside Carwithen's Bishop Rock, Lili Boulanger's D'un Matin de Printemps, and Franck's Symphony in D minor.

www.todmordenorchestra.org.uk/

Ticket prices are £14, £12 for concessions and £3 for under 18s.



— PRESENT —

AN EVENING OF ONE ACT PLAYS

THREE GREAT
PLAYS. ONE
GREAT NIGHT
AT THE THEATRE!



THE INTERVIEW
by Jane France
Directed by Eleanor Noon



**THE VISITOR IN
THE DOORWAY**
by Tara Meddaugh
Directed by Rana Shihadah



**WE FOUND LOVE
IN A HOMELESS PLACE**
by Jamie McLeish
Directed by Aneta Paruk

**19TH – 22ND
NOVEMBER
2026**

**HOGHTON
VILLAGE HALL**
Blackburn Old Road,
Hoghton, PR5 0SG

 **DOORS OPEN 7:00PM
CURTAIN UP 7:30PM**



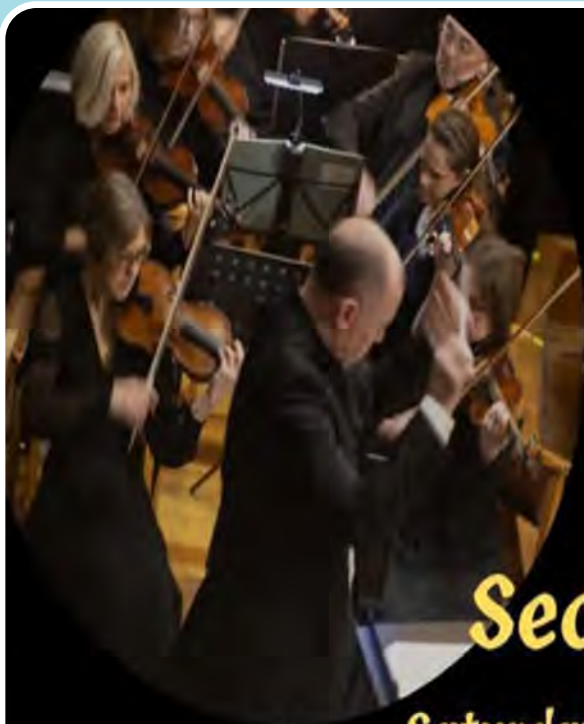
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Second Thoughts

Saturday 21st November 2026 3pm

Victoria Hall Bolton

Sibelius The Oceanides

Sibelius The Bard

Mahler Blumine

Tchaikovsky

2nd Symphony

(including Tchaikovsky's
original 1st Movement)

Conductor: Paul Witkiewicz

Leader: Anita Naughton

Tickets: £13 (no concessions), Under 19s free

Tickets available via telephone: 01204 522569

Tickets available online:

www.boltonsymphony.org.uk

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Burnley Orchestra Concert

**Saturday 21 November 2026, 7.00pm at
St Peter's Church, Burnley**

Beethoven Egmont Overture

Schumann Piano Concerto with soloist
Juanjo Blazquez

Mozart Magic Flute Overture

Schubert Unfinished Symphony

Conducted by Nathan Westell Smith

**Tickets & more information on our website:
burnleyorchestra.org.uk**



St Leonard's Gilbert and Sullivan Group

St Leonard's Gilbert and Sullivan Group in Penwortham are starting a busy 12 months as they celebrate their 50th year of performing in South Ribble.

To mark their Golden Year, the Group will begin by holding their Autumn 2026 concert season. They will be joined by members of Preston Gilbert and Sullivan Society for a concert which is exclusively music from Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. This will be held at **St George's Church, Preston PR1 2NP on Sunday 22 November at 2.00pm**

The rest of the confirmed concert season, with the title **'What a Wonderful World'** will be held in the following venues.

**Chorley Live Friday 2 October
- a variety of evening venues.**

**Much Hoole Village Memorial Hall PR4 4QA
Sunday 11 October at 2.00pm**

**St Leonard's Church, Penwortham,
PR1 9JA at 2.30pm Sunday 15 November**

**Wycliffe Memorial Church, Preston
PR2 2SH at 7.00pm 28th November**

*Please contact the venues directly
for more details.*

The next big event will be their

**Golden Jubilee performance of
"Trial by Jury" in St Leonard's Church,
Penwortham on Shrove Tuesday
9 February 2027 at 7.30pm.**

This short operetta by Gilbert and Sullivan was first performed in 1975 and in the same church in 1977. All are welcome to this special event followed by Golden Anniversary refreshments afterwards.

For information about tickets please contact 01772 612030 to book.

In May 2027 they will be performing their annual production with a twist:

**"This is the very model of a
Golden Anniversary - Pirates, Peers and
Patter songs!" This will run from
Thursday 27 May to
Saturday 29 May inclusive.**

Save the date! More details to follow in the next Music and Drama newsletter.

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Promenade Concert Orchestra

Conductor - Howard Rogerson

'Your 100 Best Tunes'

A programme of popular classical music
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Rowena Thornton - Soprano Soloist

The Platform, Morecambe

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Sunday, 22nd November 2026 at 3pm

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Conductor: Howard Rogerson

Leader: Julian Cann

Guest Leader: Jill Jackson

Commencing 3.00pm

Sunday 22 November 2026

Your 100 Best Tunes

Rowena Thornton-Soprano soloist

Following on from the BBC Home Service music programme, **Your 100 Best Tunes**, presented by the long-serving, Alan Keith, the PCO is presenting another concert programme of popular classical music full of wonderful melodies and tunes. The PCO also offers a welcome return to one of our popular soprano soloists, Rowena Thornton, to sing some lovely songs and arias.

Tickets £19

(accompanied child FREE)

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www.lancaster.gov.uk/platform

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www.promenadeconcertorchestra.org.uk

SOUTHPORT BACH CHOIR

Saturday 22 November, 7.30pm

Liverpool Road Methodist Church, Birkdale, PR8 4PD.

Southport Bach Choir performs Vivaldi's *Gloria* and
Italian anthems including Monteverdi's *Beatus Vir* and
Pergolesi's *O Sacrum Convivium*

More information at

www.southportbachchoir.uk/2026-27-season/



Preston Orpheus Choir



Come and join us – new members are always welcome!

Saturday 28th November

Carol singing at Morrisons, Riversway, Preston

Saturday 5th December - 7pm

St Michael and All Angels church, Egerton Road, Ashton, PR2 1AJ

Christmas concert

with special guests: Lostock Hall Memorial Brass Band, The Walton Family Singers and St Andrews Primary School Choir

Thursday 10th December

Rosemere Cancer Foundation Christmas concert at St John the Baptist church, Broughton

We restart rehearsals on Tuesday 8th September (NOT 1st as originally arranged)

7.30-9.30pm at St Pius X Catholic Preparatory School,
200 Garstang Road, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 8RD

More details on our website:
www.prestonorpheuschoir.org
or scan the QR code



2026-2027 100TH SEASON

Handel's 'Messiah' with 'The Rawstorne Singers'

Saturday 28 November, 3.00pm • St Mary's Church, Bamber Bridge, PR5 6SP

Laurie Ashworth - Soprano • Imogen Garner - Mezzo Soprano

Joseph Buckmaster - Tenor • Terence Ayrebare - Bass

Conductor - Marc Murray • The Liverpool Concert Orchestra

Tickets & more information on our website: cecilians.org.uk

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KTB Music Events

KICKSTART TO Christmas

With the KTB Singers

Special Guests
Chorley Silver Band &
Brindle St. James' Primary School

28th November
Lancastrian Suite
Chorley Town Hall
Market Street
PR7 1DP

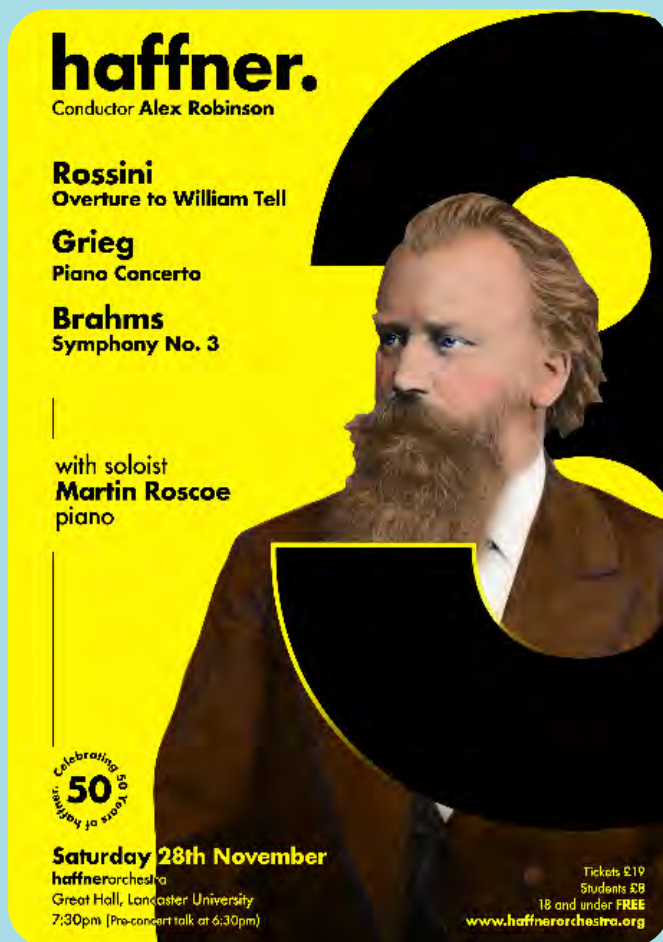
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Start: 19:30

Adults: £10
Under 14's: £5

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Conductor **Alex Robinson**

Rossini
Overture to William Tell

Grieg
Piano Concerto

Brahms
Symphony No. 3

with soloist
Martin Roscoe
piano

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Saturday 28th November
haffnerorchestra
Great Hall, Lancaster University
7:30pm (Pre-concert talk at 6:30pm)

Tickets £19
Students £8
18 and under FREE
www.haffnerorchestra.org

BLACKBURN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Autumn Concert

A Midsummer Night's Dream Overture ~ Mendelssohn
Violin Concerto ~ Dvorak
Gaelic Symphony ~ Amy Beach

Soloist: Matteo Hager
Conductor: Richard Howarth

3.00pm, Sunday 29 November 2026 at Accrington Town Hall

Tickets are now available to purchase via PayPal and Ticket Source.

Tickets are £13 each, and free for students under 19. Discounts available for group bookings (10 or more) by contacting the treasurer on Blackburnsymphony@gmail.com.

www.blackburnsymphony.org.uk

What's on! December





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CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

& Christmas carols



**SATURDAY
5 DECEMBER
2026, 7:30PM**

Join us for Bach's Christmas Oratorio and make a joyful start to your festive season.
Tickets £15; children go free.

St Michael's, Duke Street,
Wigan, WN1 2BJ

Musical Director:
John Powell

**For details and tickets, find us on
Facebook or www.wiganchoral.co.uk**



FLEETWOOD & DISTRICT
CHORAL SOCIETY
Registered Charity 1031240



Handel's Messiah (Part One)

Vivaldi—Gloria

Saturday 5th December 2026 7:30 pm
St. Peter's Church, Fleetwood

Conductor - Paul Witkiewicz
Organist - John Pennington

Soloists:
Lyn Pennington - Soprano
Maria Pennington - Mezzo
David Twizell - Bass
Tenor to be confirmed

For more details contact
www.fleetwoodchoralsociety.org.uk



Prelude to Christmas
With the KTB Voice

An afternoon journey through advent with carols from Britten, Skempton and Poston intertwined with modern classics from Rutter to Lily Allen.

5th December 2026

Entry: 1.30pm
Start: 2pm

St. Andrew's Church
Liverpool Road
Longton
PR4 5AA

Admission: £10
Pay on entry

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EDEN SINGERS

Eden Singers is a small, community choir based in Penrith.

We meet from early September through until Easter every Tuesday evening at 7.00pm at Penrith Methodist Church.

We sing all kinds of music, old and new, traditional folk, popular, religious and secular, by a wide range of composers.

You don't have to have any previous experience to join us, just a love of singing!

This year we start our practices on Tuesday 8 September and our Christmas concert - **"There will be Stars!"** will be on **Thursday 10 December**.

We look forward to welcoming you to our friendly, little choir - do come and give us a try!

Rachel Allgood, Musical Director.



BLACKBURN MUSIC SOCIETY
MESSIAH
MUSICAL DIRECTOR: JOHN ROBINSON

Saturday 5th December, 7pm

Blackburn Cathedral
Book online, pay on the door or available from members

Enquiries: 01254 377153
ticketsource.co.uk/blackburn-music-events

BLACKBURN Music SOCIETY

Charity No. 500709

Blackburn Music Society is a welcoming non-audition mixed-voice choir under the direction of Musical Director John Robinson, bringing together singers from across Lancashire to enjoy and perform choral music.

The choir rehearses each Monday evening, usually from 7.00-9.00pm at Blackburn Central Library, and members have the exciting opportunity to sing in the magnificent setting of Blackburn Cathedral.

This year's repertoire includes **Vivaldi's Gloria**, **Vaughan Williams's Five Mystical Songs**, **Handel's Messiah** and **Stainer's The Crucifixion**, offering singers an inspiring programme of much-loved sacred and classical works.

For more information, please email **bbmusoc@gmail.com** or phone **01254 377153** (answerphone).

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6 December 2026 at 6:30pm
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Tickets - Adults: £15 U18: £8
To book tickets, scan the QR code or visit:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/preston-symphony-orchestra



Hope Methodist Church Choir

The Inn Crowd

A Christmas musical by Roger Jones will be presented
at Hope Methodist Church in New Longton PR4 4AA

Sunday 6 December - 6.30pm

Admission is free with refreshments afterwards in
the hall. All welcome.



Outreach Opera Presents



Dec 10th

Skipton Town Hall,
Skipton

Dec 12

Ashton Memorial,
Lancaster

Dec 18

Worden Hall,
Leyland

Dec 20

Worden Hall,
Leyland

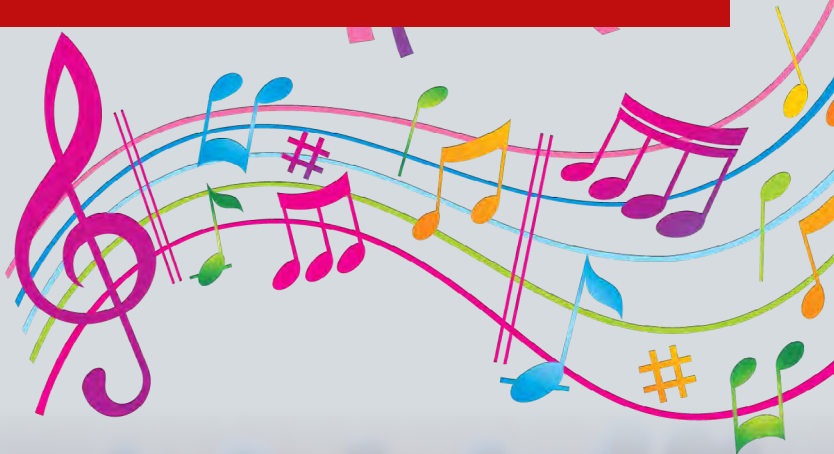
Dec 21

Hoghton Tower,
Hoghton

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Tickets available at
<https://outreachopera.co.uk/tickets/>

Outreach Opera is a North-West based community opera company founded by Lancashire based sopranos Helen Latham & Georgina Rosanna Crowe.

Engaging audiences and community participants, Outreach Opera perform in venues across the North-West, presenting opera in an accessible and unique way. Our aim is to offer a creative tool for the local community, which allows them to experience and discover the shaping and performance of opera, alongside some of the regions finest talent.



SALFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

MESSIAH

Saturday 12 December - 7.30pm
RNCM Manchester

Don't miss this dramatic performance of Handel's Messiah, a Christmas classic. Salford Choral's 90-strong mixed voice choir will be joined on stage by the acclaimed Baroque in the North orchestra and soloists.

Soloists: Rachel Abbot (soprano); Emily Howard (mezzo soprano); Jay Broadhurst (tenor); James Connolly (bass).

Conductor: Tom Newall.

Tickets: £23, £19 concessions (inc. £1 booking fee)

www.rncm.ac.uk/performance/salford-choral-society-presents-handels-messiah/

SOUTHPORT BACH CHOIR

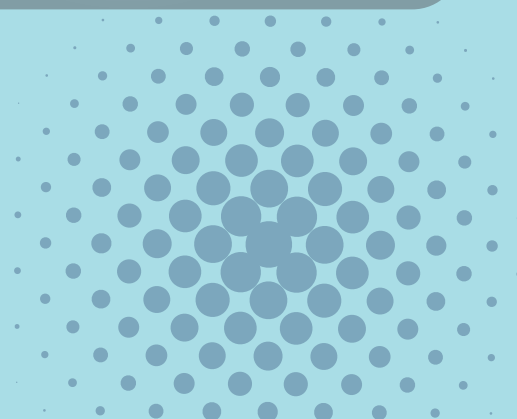
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Saturday 12 December,
4.00pm**

Liverpool Road Methodist Church, Birkdale, PR8 4PD.

More information at
www.southportbachchoir.uk/
2026-27-season

All welcome



TODMORDEN ORCHESTRA

JINGLE ALL THE WAY

Sunday 13 December 2026, times tbc • Todmorden College

A festive family concert in partnership with Music for the Many, featuring young local musicians alongside the orchestra. Inclusive, joyful, and perfect for all ages.

www.todmordenorchestra.org.uk/

Ticket prices are £14, £12 for concessions and £3 for under 18s.



KTB Music Events

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

WITH THE KTB CHOIR

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Tickets available on the door



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17th December
13:00 - 14:00

St. Andrew's Church
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Longton
PR4 5AA

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What's on! January



PROMENADE CONCERT ORCHESTRA

Charity number:1184124

Conductor: Howard Rogerson • Leader: Julian Cann • Guest Leader: Jill Jackson

CELEBRATING OUR 20th SEASON OF LIGHT MUSIC CONCERTS AT THE PLATFORM, MORECAMBE

The Platform, Old Station Building, Central Promenade, Morecambe LA4 4DB.
Commencing at 3.00pm • 24 January 2027

NEW YEAR VIENNESE CONCERT with the Turning Point Theatre Arts

Our 20th invitation to everyone to come along and celebrate the New Year with a touch of the Viennese Golden Hall dance music from the Strauss family and associates, along with a few surprise items to 'pop open' the Champagne bottle, and the Turning Point Theatre Arts to dance for us all!

Tickets £19 (accompanied child FREE)

Platform Box Office 01524 582803 www.lancaster.gov.uk/platform
platformboxoffice@lancaster.gov.uk

www.promenadeconcertorchestra.org.uk



What's on! February

St Leonard's Gilbert and Sullivan Group

**Golden Jubilee performance of
"Trial by Jury" in St Leonard's Church,
Penwortham on Shrove Tuesday
9 February 2027 at 7.30pm.**

This short operetta by Gilbert and Sullivan was first performed in 1975 and in the same church in 1977.

All are welcome to this special event followed by Golden Anniversary refreshments afterwards.

For information about tickets please contact 01772 612030 to book.

Todmorden Orchestra

**Saturday 13 February 2027
Todmorden College, 7.30pm**

Todmorden pianist Antony Brannick joins us for Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 21, framed by Schubert's Overture in the Italian Style and Beethoven's Eighth Symphony. A more classical programme than our usual fare.

www.todmordenorchestra.org.uk/

Ticket prices are £14, £12 for concessions and £3 for under 18s.

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Saturday 20th Matinee at 2.15pm
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Box Office: Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am & 7-8pm
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What's on!

March



'When Music Sounds'

Saturday 13 March 2026, 7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Penwortham PR1 0AH

Première of newly commissioned work by Robin Stopford: 'When Music Sounds'

Marc Murray – Conductor • James Lonsdale – Organist

With pieces by Malcolm Boyle, Charles V Stanford, William Lloyd Webber, Felix Mendelssohn
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Burnley Orchestra Concert

**Saturday 20 March
2027 – 7.00pm**

**St Peter's Church,
Burnley**

**Programme to be confirmed
- please check our website
burnleyorchestra.org.uk**

***Conducted by
Nathan Westell Smith***



Blackburn Symphony Orchestra

Spring Concert

**Swan Lake: Final Scene ~
Tchaikovsky**

Violin Concerto No.1 ~ Shostakovich

Symphony No.1 ~ Sibelius

Soloist: TBA

Conductor: Bedwyn Phillips

**7.30pm, Saturday
20 March, 2027 at
Blackburn Cathedral**

**More details and ticket prices on
our website**

www.blackburnsymphony.org.uk





BERLIOZ GRANDE MESSE DES MORTS

SALFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

Sunday 21 March 2027, 4.00pm • Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

A rare opportunity to experience this exceptional piece, said to be Berlioz's favourite composition.

Epic in its scale, the piece calls for over 300 singers and four brass bands, plus a large orchestra including 16 timpani.

On stage will be three North West choirs – Salford Choral Society, Congleton Choral Society and the University of Manchester Chorus – plus the Manchester Symphony Orchestra and Unity Brass, Crewe. Conductor: Tom Newall.

Ticket prices to be announced, information via: www.bridgewater-hall.co.uk

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