**NEW CAMBRIDGE SINGERS CPSL MIND**

**THE BIG SING 19th JANUARY 2019**

**Directed by Graham Walker**

**with Sinfonia of Cambridge**

**ADVANCE INFORMATION FOR SINGERS**

Thank you for being part of The Big Sing 2019 which will be raising money for CPSL Mind, one of the vital mental health charities for Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and South Lincolnshire with whom NCS has been working for the past season. The Big Sing is taking place at Great St Mary’s Church, Cambridge, CB2 3PQ. This is right in the centre of Cambridge. Here is a [link](https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Great%2BSt%2BMary%27s%2BChurch/%4052.2053154%2C0.1160404%2C17z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m5%213m4%211s0x47d870bec1546a85%3A0x8e6bef904755f0c2%218m2%213d52.2053154%214d0.1182291) to a google map.

**You should book a singer’s place in advance if you can, via the box office**. Tickets are £20, £5 for students. The Box office is at Cambridge Live, 01223 357851, Wheeler Street, Cambridge, CB2 3QB. Also on line from <https://www.cambridgelivetrust.co.uk/tickets/events/big-sing>

**Tickets for audience members** will only be on sale on the day at the church, from 1.15pm. £10, students £5. Payment at the church is by cash or cheque only; there are plenty of ATMs nearby.

**Timings** The rehearsal will be from 2 to 4.30pm. Doors will open at 1.15pm. The performance will start at 6pm, and will be finished by 7.30pm. There will be time for tea after the rehearsal.

**Music** We shall be singing:

Mozart Ave Verum Corpus pub Novello

Faure Cantique de Jean Racine ed Rutter, pub OUP

Faure Requiem Mass ed Rutter, pub OUP

Please bring a copy if you have one, or you can borrow it from your library, for example. There will be plenty of scores to use for free on the day if you do not have one.

**Getting There** Saturday parking in Cambridge is over-subscribed, subject to long queues and very expensive. If you are coming by car, use **Park & Ride** if you possibly can. This is the [link](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20149/park_and_ride) to the P&R web page. All the different P&R sites function fully on Saturday until 8pm. The nearest **free parking** is west of Grange Road, South of Barton Road, or North of Gilbert Road, all of which are likely to be heavily parked and will give you the best part of a mile to walk at least. Great St Mary’s is 2 miles from the railway station and there are frequent buses from the station to the city centre.

**Entry** to the Big Sing will be via the side South Door, in St Mary’s Passage, opposite Aunty’s Tea Shop. (not, please, via the tourists’ entry off King’s Parade under the tower)

**Cafés open for tea.** With so many fantastic tea shops around we are not providing refreshments. You are welcome to bring your own, but here are some suggestions: Michaelhouse (up Trinity Street – the parish community centre), The Senate (opposite the South Door), Café Nero, Benets and Copper Kettle are all in King’s Parade. All the above cafes have **toilets** – GSM does not.

**Dress** Please wear your normal clothes. No special dress required.

**More about CPSL Mind’s Sanctuary project.** There will be a retiring collection in aid of CPSL Mind, NCS’ partner charity.   Singing together is good for our mental health, and whilst some of the work of CPSL Mind is funded by the public health authorities, we want to help them raise money for the vital extra costs of The Sanctuary.   This provides a safe place for individuals experiencing an emotional or mental health crisis, who are over the age of 16.  It offers practical and emotional support in a warm, welcoming and friendly environment.

Previous Big Sings have raised many thousands of pounds!

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