**NEW CAMBRIDGE SINGERS MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**

**THE BIG SING 21st JANUARY 2017**

**Directed by Graham Walker**

**ADVANCE INFORMATION FOR SINGERS**

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 [here](https://www.cambridgelivetrust.co.uk/tickets/events/big-sing-handels-messiah-new-cambridge-singers).

**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 between rehearsal and performance. Feel free to bring your own refreshments and eat them in the church, or there are plenty of cafes round about. We are not providing refreshments!

**Music** We are using Watkins Shaw vocal scores. 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 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 main West Door, opposite the Senate House in King’s Parade.

**Cafés open for tea** will include 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.

**Movements we are singing** Here is a list of the chorus movements we are planning to do.

**Part I And the glory of the Lord; O thou that tellest; For unto us a child is born; Glory to God**

**Part II Behold the Lamb; Surely, surely; And with his stripes; All we like sheep have gone astray; He trusted in God; Hallelujah**

**Part III Since by man came death; Worthy is the Lamb; Amen**

There will be a full complement of soloists and we are being joined by the New Cambridge Players.

There will be a retiring collection in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Previous Big Sings have raised many thousands of pounds!

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