

Welcome!

Our 2017 - 2018 season presents another selection of glorious choral music; hopefully it will be as enjoyable for the audience as for us in the preparation of the performances!

Haydn's **Nelson Mass** is generally considered his finest choral composition, and is certainly a great favourite. Although the music is dramatic and exciting, possibly even more exciting for us is the **Missa Beati Purificationis** by Jan Dismas **Zelenka**. Living from 1679 - 1745, he is almost contemporary with the rather more famous Johann Sebastian Bach. Yet it has been said that his experiments with harmony seem to catapult him into another generation. In fact his music frequently "sounds like" Haydn. Even if you've never heard of him before - you will enjoy this work.

Christmas of course is marked with the ever popular **Carols with Brass**. Please note the date - it's on the Thursday evening before Christmas Day

March sees a musical excursion to France, with Fauré's ever-popular and exquisite **Requiem**. This is partnered by Vierne's **Messe Solennelle** which requires two organs (!) and admirably exploits the warm acoustic of Our Lady's Church.

In June, we have another "Solemn Mass" - but don't be put off by the title - it's a liturgical term, and doesn't mean the music is 'heavy'. Far from it - Rossini's so-called **Petite Messe Solennelle** is anything but small, and certainly not solemn. This music would not have been out of place in the Paris Opera House!

TICKETS are available online through our website, and are also available from **GIFTS IN HOUSE** on Chapel Lane in the village, as well as through members.

November, March and June - £12, under 19s **free**

December - £10, under 19s £5

Registered charity number 500354

Formby Choral Society



Formby Choral Society is a friendly amateur choir committed to producing high-quality professional performances. New members are always welcome and a good time to join is at the start of the season, in September, or immediately following a concert when rehearsals begin for the next event.

Rehearsal evening is Wednesday, at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Rosemary Lane, Formby, L37 3HA, from 7:30 to 9:30.

In a particular initiative to encourage young people to experience the joy of choral singing, anyone aged 16 to 24 will not be asked to pay a membership subscription, and will be able to join the Society for FREE. In addition there is a Young Musician's Bursary fund to assist singers further their musical educations. Follow the **JOIN US** link on the website.

2017 2018

President - **Stephen Threlfall**

Chairman - **Kevin Howard**

Accompanist - **Jon Barton**

Conductor - **DAVID HOLROYD**



www.formbychoralsociety.org

Haydn

Nelson Mass

Zelenka

Missa Beati Purificationis

(composed c.1733 -
only the 2nd ever performance in the UK)

Saturday

18th November

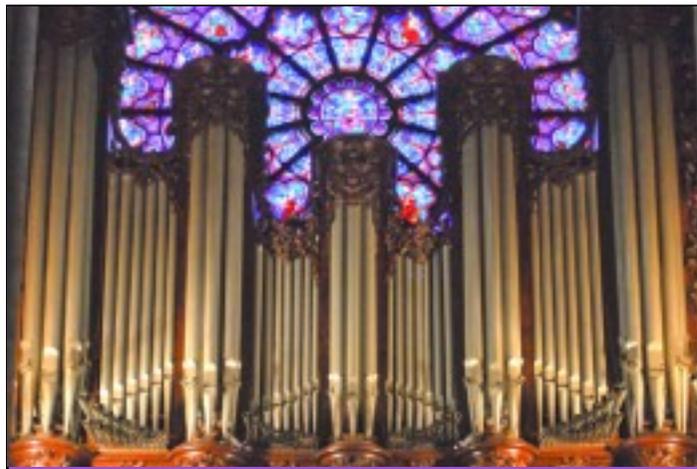
2017

Our Lady of Compassion

School Lane, Formby

with the
Liverpool Philharmonia

All concerts start at 7:30pm



Fauré

Requiem

Vierne - Messe Solennelle

with
Jon Barton - organ

Saturday

10th March 2018

Our Lady of Compassion

School Lane, Formby

Carols with Brass

with Formby Band

Holy Trinity Church

Rosemary Lane, Formby

THURSDAY

21st December 2017



Rossini

**Petite
Messe Solennelle**

Jon Barton - piano
Jim Wrightson - harmonium

Saturday

9th June 2018

Holy Trinity Church

Rosemary Lane, Formby