

## TICKETS

Tickets for all our concerts are available from Sherborne Tourist Information Centre, tel. 01935 815341

Credit cards accepted

Subject to availability, tickets can also be purchased on the door.



Tickets for Sherborne Abbey Festival concerts are also available from [www.sherborneabbeyfestival.org](http://www.sherborneabbeyfestival.org)

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## SUPPORT US

SCC has been performing in Sherborne Abbey for nearly forty years. Help us raise funds to continue to put on varied and exciting concerts.

Become a Friend and enjoy advance information, newsletters and reduced priced tickets. Annual membership starts at just £15.

You can also make a one-off donation via our website, which can be Gift Aided.



## SHERBORNE CHAMBER CHOIR

Formed in 1979, Sherborne Chamber Choir is an auditioned choir of around forty-five members from Sherborne and the surrounding area. We thrive on variety and sing a wide range of music, from the sixteenth century to the present day. Under the inspirational leadership of our Musical Director, Paul Ellis, we have built up a reputation throughout the region and further afield for the high standard of our performances and regularly give concerts with some of this country's top soloists and instrumentalists.

We have a long-standing informal relationship with Sherborne Abbey, giving at least three varied concerts a year there, as well as singing for occasional services. Further afield we have performed at Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, in San Gimignano and Siena Cathedral, Italy, Bruges, Edinburgh, and, most recently, in Trogir, Croatia.

Our first CD, *Comfort, Life and Love*, was launched in 2008, in aid of St Margaret's Somerset Hospice and hospices throughout the country and has raised thousands of pounds to date. More recently we recorded a CD of carols with Sherborne Abbey Choir.

Our new season is packed with an eclectic mix of choral music spanning five centuries, all in the spectacular setting of Sherborne Abbey.



Sherborne Chamber Choir is a Registered Charity No. 1113380  
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# SHERBORNE CHAMBER CHOIR

## Sherborne Abbey 2018-2019

Musical Director Paul Ellis



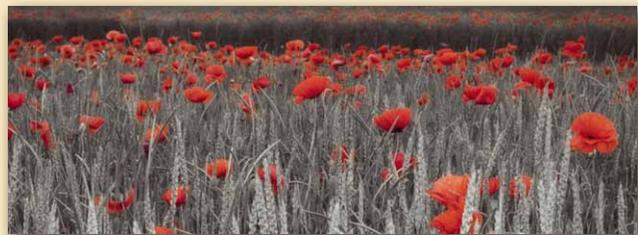
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Saturday 10 November 7.30pm

## REMEMBRANCE

In music and words

We commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War with an evening of music and words in memory of those who gave their lives. Proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



Music includes movements from the Fauré *Requiem* and Parry's *Songs of Farewell*, along with works by David Bednall, Julian Dams, Jonathan Dove, John Ireland, Paul Mealar and John Tavener. There will also be hymns for all to sing. There will be no interval and the concert will finish around 9pm.

With the choristers of Sherborne Abbey Choir  
Readings by Canon Eric Woods, Rector of Sherborne Abbey | Organist Simon Clarkson

Tickets £5 (unreserved) | under 18s free of charge  
Reserved tickets £10, available from Sherborne Tourist Information Centre, Digby Road, Sherborne | 01935 815341

Saturday 1 December 7.30pm

## I SING OF A MAIDEN

Inspirational music to celebrate the start of Advent, with some of the greatest choral settings dedicated to the Virgin Mary from across the ages. Music includes settings of the Magnificat by Howells and Stanford, and Arvo Pärt's atmospheric *Magnificat Antiphons*. The



concert's title comes from two settings of that name, by Dorset-based composer David Fawcett and Patrick Hadley. Our programme is completed by Advent and Christmas carols by Bairstow, Carl Rützi, Barry Ferguson, John Gardner, Matthew Martin, Palestrina, Rachmaninov and Vaughan Williams.

Organist Simon Clarkson

Tickets £5 (unreserved) | under 18s free of charge  
Reserved tickets £10-£16, available from Sherborne Tourist Information Centre, Digby Road, Sherborne | 01935 815341

Saturday 16 March 7.30pm

## NEW WORLD BAROQUE

Journey with SCC and a Baroque ensemble to explore just a little of the vast treasury of music written in the two hundred years following the discovery of the Americas. Surprisingly, it still remains little explored in today's global age.

The establishment of Christianity happened very quickly, and with it, the composition of much music, which was already an important social and spiritual element in the lives of the Aztecs and the Incas. The result is an amazing and unique fusion of European, African and South American cultures and musical styles. Enjoy and discover music by composers such as Padilla, Fernandez, Franco and Zipoli.

Tickets £5 (unreserved) | under 18s free of charge  
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Monday 6 May 7.30pm

## MENDELSSOHN ELIJAH

Sherborne Festival Chorus with Sherborne Classical Players

We're delighted to be part of Sherborne Festival Chorus again for its annual concert in the Sherborne Abbey Festival. Mendelssohn brings this intense biblical story to life with rich orchestral colour and



stirring choruses. The work is full of drama: earthquake, wind, fire and drought, famine, flood and resurrection. Written for a British audience, it was a huge success at its premiere in Birmingham Town Hall and remains one of the stalwarts of the choral repertoire.

For ticket details and further information about the Festival see [www.sherborneabbeyfestival.org](http://www.sherborneabbeyfestival.org).

Saturday 22 June 7.30pm

## A MIDSUMMER MARRIAGE

A joyful selection of favourites chosen by brides and grooms for their special day, alongside settings from the Song of Solomon, which contains some of the most beautiful love poetry ever written, inspiring composers from across the ages.



Music includes popular favourites such as Mozart *Laudate Dominum*, Rutter *The Lord bless you and keep you*, Parry *I was glad* and Handel *Zadok the Priest*, along with settings from the Song of Solomon by composers as diverse as Walton, Palestrina, Victoria and Hadley. Whether you are planning a wedding, or just want an enjoyable summer's evening of good music, join us!

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