

## 'A St David's Day Celebration'

To celebrate St David's Day we will explore a range of Welsh composers including Karl Jenkins' *Sacred Songs*, works by William Mathias, Paul Mealor, Robert Arwyn, and traditional *Welsh Folk Songs* arranged by Gustav Holst. There will be a short talk and recital by harpist Bethan Conway who will also accompany some of our programme.

**Graham Jordan Ellis** has been the Music Director of CMS since 1996. An experienced freelance conductor of both choral and orchestral music, Graham has worked with numerous choral and operatic societies and conducted many memorable concerts. He was Director of Music at Birkenhead School for over thirty years.



**Graham Eccles** has been Organist and Master of the Choristers at St Asaph and Bangor Cathedrals and currently accompanist to both Colwyn Bay and St Asaph Choral Societies. He is in demand as an Organ Recitalist in the UK, Europe and beyond and regularly plays for the Daily Service on BBC Radio 4. Graham is accompanist for Chester Music Society Choir.



**Bethan Conway** began her musical training on piano aged 7 and harp aged 10. Graduating with a First Class Honours and Master of Performance with Distinction from RCM, Bethan holds many awards, including at the Eisteddfods. As a freelance musician Bethan performs with numerous orchestras and teaches with the Flintshire Music Service.



## TIMETABLE

9.30	Registration
10.00	Session 1
11.15	Break
11.30	Session 2
12.30	Lunch
2.00	Session 3
3.00	Session 4
3.45	Break
4.00	Reprise
5.00	Close

You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch. Alternatively, there are many fine cafes close to St Mary's Creative Space.

Information on your application is kept for the purpose of administration of this Open Day and to keep you informed of future Chester Music Society Choir events. We do not pass your information to third parties. You have the right to amend or request deletion of such data on application to our Data Protection Officer at [membership@chestermusicsociety.org.uk](mailto:membership@chestermusicsociety.org.uk). If you do NOT wish us to keep this information please tick this box

Places are limited. Book early to avoid disappointment



**Chester Music Society**

**Come and Sing**

**'A St David's Day Celebration'**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025  
St Mary's Creative Space,  
St Mary's Hill, Chester**

**Music Director  
Graham Jordan Ellis**

**Accompanist  
Graham Eccles**

**Harpist  
Bethan Conway**



## COMING UP

Chester Music Society Choir gives performances of the major classics in Chester Cathedral.

Our next performances:

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025

#### Splendours of the Baroque

Handel: Dixit Dominus

Vivaldi: Concerto for Two Trumpets

Bach: Magnificat

Liverpool Sinfonia

Graham Jordan Ellis *conductor*

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025

#### Rossini: Petite Messe Solenne

Graham Eccles *piano*

Jon Barton *harmonium*

Graham Jordan Ellis *conductor*

All tickets from Chester Cathedral Ticket Desk or from [www.chestercathedral.com](http://www.chestercathedral.com)

## LOCATION

St Mary's Creative Space,  
St Mary's Hill, Chester CH1 2DW  
(formerly St Mary's Centre)

**Access:** From the back of Castle Square, turn left through the archway just by the University entrance

### Parking

Castle Square car park in front of the Crown Court building. Access is from Castle Street off Grosvenor roundabout; £5 until 3 pm, free after 3 pm. Alternatively, the Pay & Display at Little Roodee is the closest option.

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## BOOKING FORM

**Please click on the link below this page to download the application form and submit it online**

Fee £20.00. includes music hire and tea/coffee

**Payment:** by BACS online (preferred) to  
Chester Music Society  
Sort Code 60-40-08; Account No. 79822754

or alternatively

If not booking and paying online:  
by cheque payable to Chester Music Society  
together with this form to:-

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