

# SOUTHPORT BACH CHOIR

The Southport Bach Choir was founded (as Southport Bach Society) in 1965 by David Bowman, who was at the time organist and choir master at Holy Trinity Church, Southport. When he left in 1970 to join the staff at Ampleforth College, his position in both roles was taken by David Williams.

When David Williams retired in 2008 he was succeeded by Ian Wells (former Assistant Organist at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral), who expanded the choir's repertoire still further with pieces by Vaughan Williams, Holst and Poulenc.

From 2012 to 2016 the choir's Director of Music was Ian Crawford, whose distinctive approach blended vitality and enjoyment with thoughtful choral interpretation. Under his direction there was an increased emphasis on *a capella* works in concert programmes.

In 2016 he was succeeded by Marc Murray, who has had experience of conducting school and adult choirs, and is bringing yet another approach to the choir. In the Spring of 2017 the choir performed Rutter's 'Gift of Life' under Marc's direction and decided it would be a good choice for a future 'Come & Sing' event.

## COME AND SING!

### The Gift of life - Rutter

Conductor - Marc Murray

Emmanuel Parish Church  
Cambridge Road, Southport PR9 9PR

Saturday 3rd February 2018

10.00am to 5pm

Tickets £15.00

Lunch £5.00

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Join the Southport Bach Choir for another of our popular *Come and Sing!* events featuring the new work by the much-loved John Rutter.

**'The Gift of Life'** is a six-movement choral celebration of the living earth, of creation, and of life itself, offering a kaleidoscope of moods from contemplative and prayerful to majestic and inspirational.

The day will run from 10am to 5pm ending with a performance "run-through" of the whole work which non-singing guests are welcome to attend free of charge.

**10.00 to 10.45** - Arrival and Registration in the Church Hall when coffee and biscuits will be available.

**10.45 to 12.15** - rehearsal in the Church

**12.15 to 1.15** - Lunch in the Church Hall

**1.15 to 2.30** - rehearsal in the Church

**2.30 to 3.00** - tea and biscuits in the Church Hall

**3.00 to 4.00** - final rehearsal

**4.15 - 5.00** - Performance

If you would like to attend this event, please complete the booking form and return it with the full amount payable by **23rd January 2018** to **SBC Come and Sing 2018, 29 Clovelly Drive, Southport PR8 3AJ**

Please make cheques payable to Southport Bach Choir.

## Come and Sing! The Gift of Life - Rutter

Name.....

Address.....

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Email.....

Voice part.....

Please indicate if you want lunch

Any dietary requirements.....

Tickets £15.00

Lunch £5.00 (a selection of sandwiches, cakes and biscuits with tea and coffee)

We will acknowledge receipt of your booking by email. If you do not have an email address and require a receipt please enclose an SAE with your completed booking form.,