



Summer Festival @ St Swithuns

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3 July 2019 - 14 July 2019

Summer Festival

@ St Swithuns

St Swithun's church in Sandy is becoming known as a concert venue bringing an opportunity for fine music to people in this corner of Bedfordshire.

Following the success of the Christmas Tree Festival which, last year had 60 trees from different community groups, schools and businesses resulting in over 1600 visitors, we are introducing our Summer Festival @ St Swithun's.

This festival will run annually during the first two weeks of July.

This program outlines the different events that are going on. Most events don't need advance bookings with tickets available on the door or your donations. All proceeds will go towards the Festival costs and fundraising for St Swithun's Church ministry in Sandy registered Charity no.1130680

For updates why not look up our social media accounts:

Website: www.sandyparishchurch.org

Facebook: [@StSwithunsSummerFestival](https://www.facebook.com/StSwithunsSummerFestival)

Twitter: [@SSwithuns](https://twitter.com/SSwithuns)

Intagram: [summerfestivalstswithuns](https://www.instagram.com/summerfestivalstswithuns)

St Swithuns Singers

“Mainly Musicals”

19:30 Wednesday 3rd July 2019

Price: Adults £5 Under 16's free

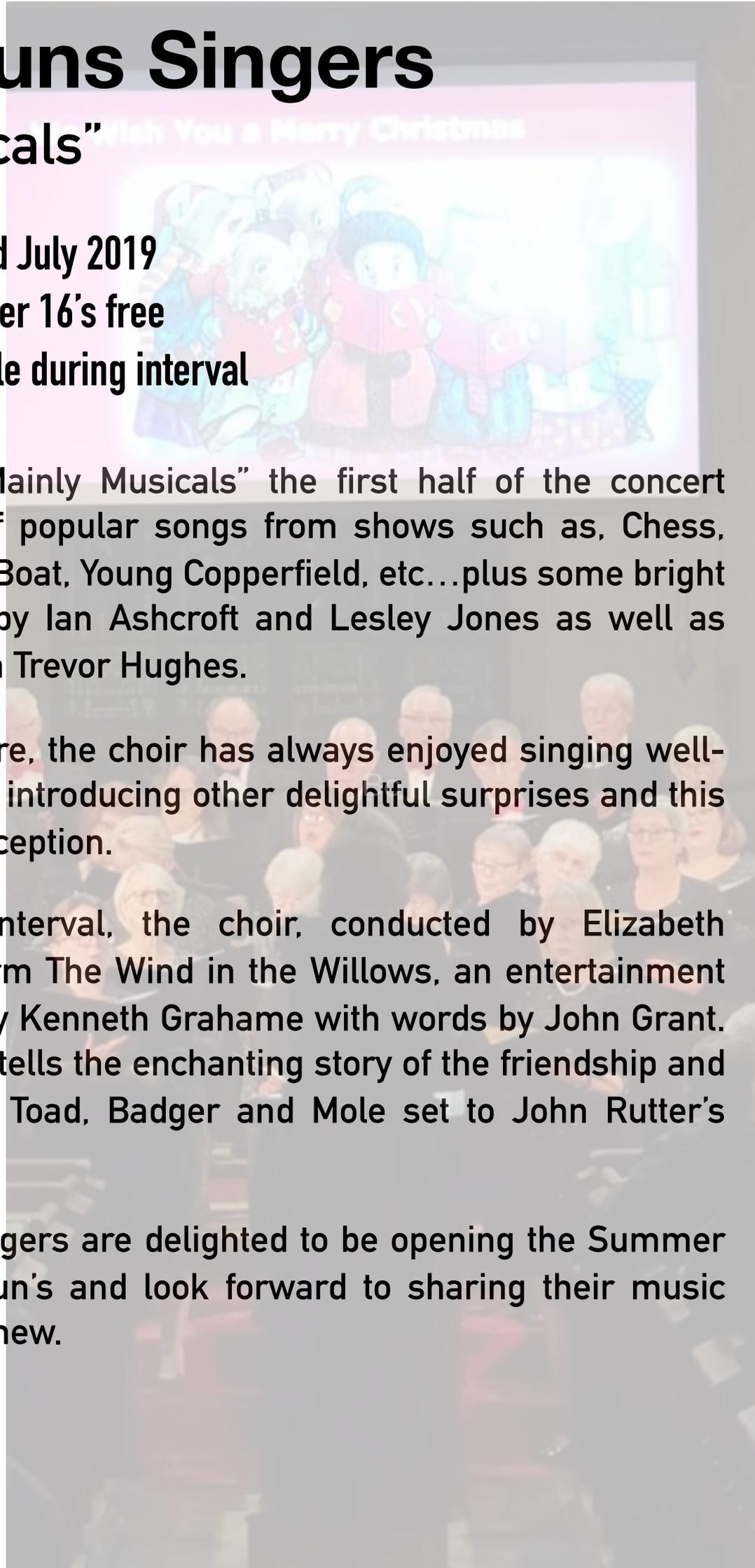
Refreshments available during interval

With a theme of “Mainly Musicals” the first half of the concert contains a variety of popular songs from shows such as, Chess, Kiss Me Kate, Show Boat, Young Copperfield, etc...plus some bright summery readings by Ian Ashcroft and Lesley Jones as well as keyboard magic from Trevor Hughes.

With a wide repertoire, the choir has always enjoyed singing well-loved music but also introducing other delightful surprises and this concert will be no exception.

After a convivial interval, the choir, conducted by Elizabeth Gammell, will perform The Wind in the Willows, an entertainment based on the book by Kenneth Grahame with words by John Grant. This charming work tells the enchanting story of the friendship and adventures of Ratty, Toad, Badger and Mole set to John Rutter's tuneful melodies.

The St Swithun's Singers are delighted to be opening the Summer Festival @ St Swithun's and look forward to sharing their music with friends old and new.



Sing-A-Long

“Stage & Screen”

19:30 Saturday 6th July 2019

Price: Adults £3, Under 16's free

Refreshments available during interval

Sing-A-long, also called community singing or group singing, is an event of singing together at gatherings or parties, less formally than choir singing.

For the Summer Festival @ St Swithun's its going to be an opportunity to come and have an evening of music with friends. Singing along to all your favourite songs from the movies and musicals.

Whether it is Disney or Bernstein, something from Andrew Lloyd-Webber and Tim Rice, or Rodgers and Hammerstein, with everyone joining in it is set to be a wonderful evening of Music.

Refreshments will be available to keep your vocal cords well oiled.

Sandy Songs of Praise

Hosted by Pam Rhodes

of BBC Songs of Praise

18:00 Sunday 7 July 2019

Price: Free entry - Donations welcomed

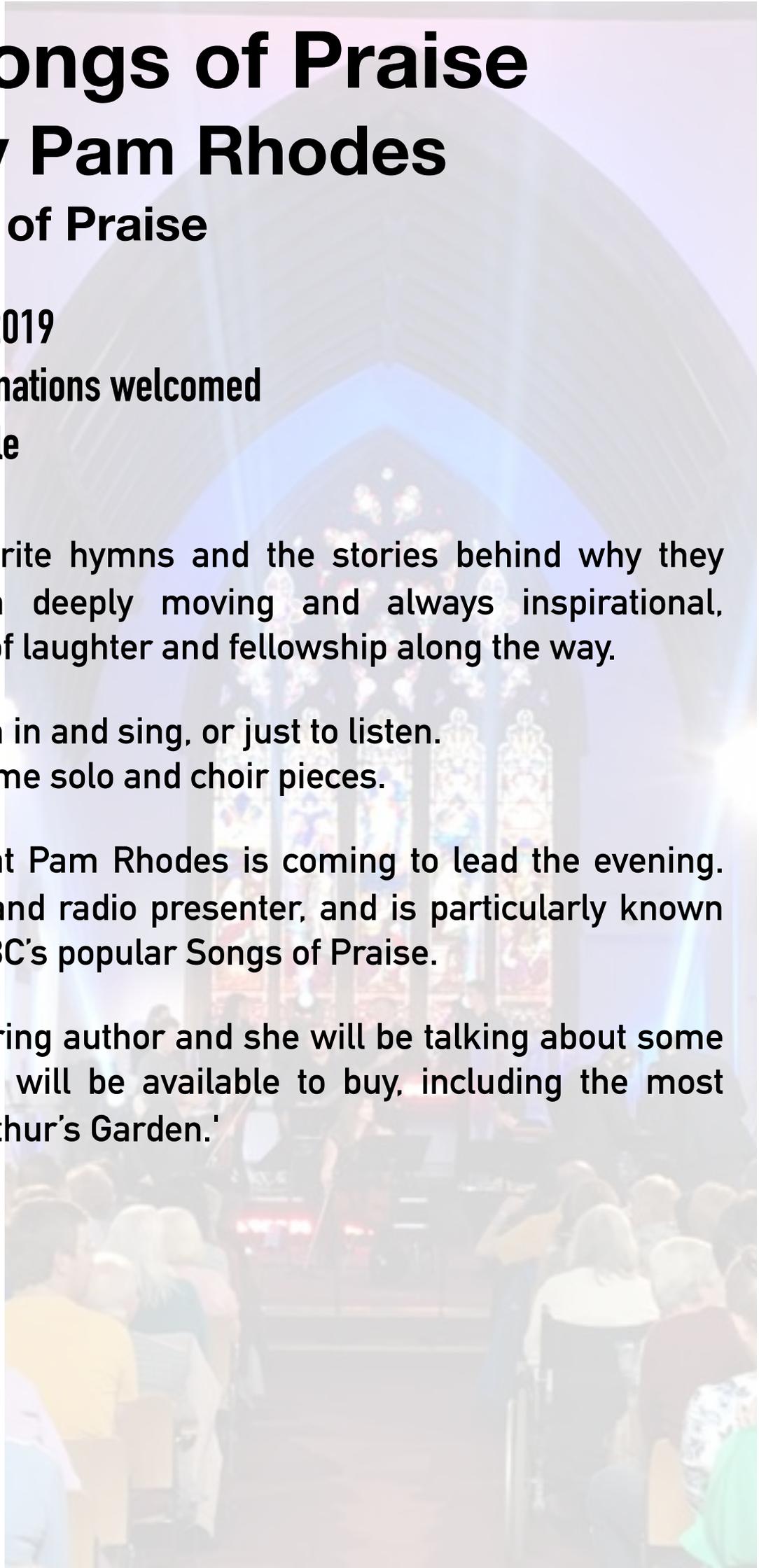
Refreshments available

An evening of favourite hymns and the stories behind why they were written. Often deeply moving and always inspirational, combined with a lot of laughter and fellowship along the way.

An opportunity to join in and sing, or just to listen. There will also be some solo and choir pieces.

We are delighted that Pam Rhodes is coming to lead the evening. Pam is a television and radio presenter, and is particularly known for presenting the BBC's popular Songs of Praise.

Pam is also an inspiring author and she will be talking about some of her books, which will be available to buy, including the most recently released 'Arthur's Garden.'



Sandy Community Choir & Guests Artist Evening

19:30 Wednesday 10 July 2019

Price: Adults £3, Under 16's free

An evening of music from our very own Sandy Community Choir (SCC), supported by some guest acts.

The SCC have come a long way since it was founded in September 2018, with around 40 regular members meeting at the Baptist Church in Sandy on a Wednesday evening.

Under the direction of Luke Howard the musical director, this will be the choir's first formal performance, after their cameo at the Tree Festival last year.

This will also be a great opportunity to hear St Swithun's new Bechstein piano being played by a graduate of the Royal College of Music.

Joining the Sandy Community Choir are some local artists fresh from the pub scene including:

Grace Jukes

Grace is a singer songwriter from Sandy and will be singing a mixture of music.

Other acts are still to be confirmed.

For up to date information check out social media feed.

Open Church Saturday

10:00–18:00 Saturday 13 July 2019

Price: Free entry – Donations welcomed

Come and witness two unique events in the history of Sandy

The first public display in one hundred and ten years of a most beautiful book given and signed by the residents of Sandy to the Rector John Richardson in 1908 in gratitude of his fifty years of faithful ministry. Do you recognise the names of the local families?

Be one of the first to get your copy at the publication launch of the beautiful book celebrating the stunning stained glass windows of St Swithun's church. A great gift for friends!

In addition:

What is it like to view Sandy from the top of the Tower?

Where can you get one of the best cream teas in the town?

Admire the beautiful flower displays.

You might also be lucky enough to hear the Element Strings warming up for their evening performance.

Element String Quartet

“Nocturne”

19:30, Saturday 13 July 2019

Price: Adult £10, Concessions £6 – Advanced booking advised

Refreshments available during interval

The Element String Quartet are no strangers to St Swithun's having played here many times as well as Luke Howard (cello) being the Church Organist.

Element String Quartet was formed by Luke Howard, Caroline Waters and Martin McNicholas and named after the late Peter Element, concert pianist and professor at the Royal College of Music. Peter Element was Luke's piano professor during his four years at the RCM and his style of teaching and approach to the performance of music made a profound and enduring impression on his students there.

The title for the concert will be “Nocturne”.

The Element String Quartet will perform Mendelssohn's String Quartet in E flat together with other famous pieces by Tchaikovsky, Bernstein, Loewe and Lloyd Webber as well as well loved Nocturnes by Chopin, Borodin and Mendelssohn.

Tickets for the Element String Quartet concert are available by emailing theelementstrings@gmail.com or calling/texting Luke on 07975 520085.

Bedford Sinfonia Orchestra

With East Beds Chamber Choir

14:30, Sunday 14 July 2019

Price : Adults £5, Under 16's £3

Refreshments available during the interval

The Summer Festival @ St Swithun's is very pleased to be hosting one of Bedford Sinfonia's Out and About concerts this year. These concerts, directed by Jan Kaznowski explore early music from the Baroque and Renaissance periods and represent a change to the usual repertoire for Sinfonia. This year Sinfonia members are joined once again by East Bedfordshire Chamber Choir, conducted by David Beer, regular performers here in Sandy.

Vivaldi's Magnificat, Monteverdi's Beatus Vir and four Orchestral Suites by J S Bach feature in this wonderfully rich and varied programme. Vivaldi's Magnificat was written for repetition at every Vespers. As such it is concise and strikingly beautiful in places. Monteverdi's setting of Psalm 112 and his imaginative use of instruments and voice create clear contrast. The four Orchestral Suites show Bach recreating dances in the French Baroque style.

Program @ a Glance

Wednesday 3 rd July	19:30	St. Swithuns Singers
Saturday 6 th July	19:30	'Sing-A-Long Stage & Screen'
Sunday 7 th July	18:00	'Songs of Praise'
Wednesday 10 th July	19:30	Sandy Community Choir
Saturday 13 th July	All Day	Open Church Saturday
Saturday 13 th July	19:30	Element String Quartet
Sunday 14 th July	14:30	Bedford Sinfonia & EBCC

Stay connected to our Social Media feeds for updates.

You might also be interested in!

While not part of the Summer Festival The Leprosy Mission Concert with the Sandy Ukulele Group is on Friday 26th July at 7pm and is being held in the Sandy Baptist Church Hall with tickets at £5 each.

The Concert is to raise funds for the work of The Leprosy Mission which we have been supporting in Sandy for nearly 50 years.

Tickets can be purchased in advance, from either the Town Council Reception (10 Cambridge Road) direct from Colin Osbourne (01767 682032), at the Friday morning fundraising stall outside the Stationery shop in Sandy or on the door.