

## Details for the Choir weekend 25-26 April 2026.

It's 5am on Friday 9 April and I can't sleep, so am writing this!

I thought better to send this out now rather than nearer the date itself when you'll be thinking of travel and other pressing social matters.

If you're signed up for the Alumni Day at HLC Saturday 25 April, then you will have received (or will receive) details from Sarah Mills. If you missed the boat but asked to attend the Chapel Service at 2.15 and the Choir Breakout 3-4pm, then sign in with her at the Chapel at 2.05 (with £8). If you're in neither category, please do join us at St Wilfrid's from 4.30 when the real fun starts! You'll be very welcome to sing, chat and get a drink and something to eat in the Hall until 6.45pm. Next day Sunday 26 April at Nidd Church (rehearse 10am with concert at 11.am – details follow).

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>, HLC arrangements end at 4.30. If you come promptly to St Wilfrid's Church (as for the start of Commem) we can use the Lady Chapel to sing until 5pm. Then we move to the Church Hall which will be set up like a Small Hall rehearsal room – a piano (keyboard) with two rows of chairs on each side (40 singers expected). Tea/coffee and sandwiches are on hand until 6.30, courtesy of a food charity called Resurrected Bites. Get some refreshments whenever you like and rejoin the rehearsal. A generous choir donor has offered to pay half the catering and hire costs but individual donations for what you eat and drink will be much appreciated – around £5? Cash is fiddly, so I suggest BACS to

David Andrews. (Nationwide - personal account). Sort code 07-01-16. A/C No. 40552891.  
Any time before, during or after the weekend. Please add your (maiden) name as reference.

This is the one opportunity for non-singers to take part and meet up, so do please advertise the fact that parents, friends, family, hangers-on are all welcome to drop in, for food and to hear you singing. It's wide open and the more the merrier! Equally, all are most welcome at Nidd Church 11am the following day.

I'll arrange an audio recording but rely on your video clips (see later). We need to be clearing up by 6.45 as there's another group using the Hall at 7pm. I squeezed us into the bookings for the Saturday evening!

Nidd Church 10am (meet to rehearse) on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> – a chance to perform together and I have no idea how many singers will be there, other than the 18 or so on the Facebook Poll. Dress – smart casual. Nor have I any idea of audience numbers, so do spread the word please. The adjacent hotel will leaflet their "elderly" (Warner Hotel policy) guests and the programme should appeal to them. Otherwise, it's up to us and our contacts, families and friends.

Directions – from HLC, drive down Duchy Road and turn left into Ripon Road (A61) for about 4 miles, through Killinghall. At the first Ripley roundabout, take 3<sup>rd</sup> exit onto B6165 (to Knaresborough). The road twists and descends before ascending and straightening out after 1 mile or so. Look for a turn on the left posted (in the right hedge) Nidd Hotel and Nidd Church. Follow this long single-track road

(with passing places) to the hotel, across the front, and as the road turns left past the main block, note the door in the right corner – toilets. The Church is now ahead of you – park up and walk back.



The Church is quite small seating about 120 in fixed pews. You will sing on three levels at the front of the chancel steps. There's space for standing but limited seating. We'll use the choir pews and front congregation pew. I'll arrange audio recording but individual video snippets will be most welcome. Send to me and I'll assemble a video.

Concert ends by 12 noon and we disperse. Light refreshments are available from the hotel but not a full lunch as I remember.

I appreciate that Facebook doesn't catch everyone, so do please spread the word about these details, the link to [violinman.co.uk/music](http://violinman.co.uk/music) for the downloads and my mobile phone number 07711 443076 as a back-stop, before and during the weekend.

Dawn is breaking but my brain too busy for bed now. Have a good fortnight until we meet on 25 April. Take care.

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