



MUSIC IN ROMSEY ABBEY

2026





ALL CONCERTS TAKE PLACE IN ROMSEY ABBEY



Sat
21 Feb
7.30pm

THE BAND OF HIS MAJESTY'S ROYAL MARINES COLLINGWOOD

Back by popular demand, The Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines Collingwood returns to Romsey Abbey as part of their 2026 Spring Concert Series.

Enjoy an evening of entertainment from some of the finest military musicians in the world. The event promises a spectacular programme with a full range of musical styles from film score to marches, from reflective moments to patriotic British music.

Featuring the world-famous Corps of Drums and top-quality soloists.

Conductors Captain Hannah Trudgeon, WO2 Sarah Paxton

Centre £22.50

Side aisles £18.50

Sat
14 Mar
7.30pm

THE ARMED MAN: A MASS FOR PEACE

NOVA FORESTA PHILHARMONIC
LYMINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY

This 'Mass for Peace' transported Karl Jenkins to international fame. It is to this day, one of the most loved of all 20th Century choral works.

JENKINS The Armed Man

ELGAR Nimrod

PARRY Jerusalem

WALTON Crown Imperial

Conductor Phil Daish-Handy

Reserved £25

Unreserved £10

Sat
21 Mar
6.30pm

ST MATTHEW PASSION

KINGSGATE VOICES & SOUTHERN VOICES
LONDON BAROQUE SINFONIA
WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL GIRLS CHOIR

A rare chance to experience J.S. Bach's masterwork for Easter telling the story of the final days of Jesus.

BACH St Matthew Passion

Conductor Andrew Hayman

Soloists Sebastian Hill (Evangelist), Malachy Frame (Christus)
Ben Hendry-Watkins (Pilate),
Katharine Fuge (soprano), Jessica Gillingwater (alto),
Maurice Cole (tenor), Gareth Brynmor John (bass)

Front nave £38, £12 (21s and under)

Rear nave £28, £12 (21s and under)

Side aisles £18, £12 (21s and under)

Sat
18 Apr
7.30pm

THE MAYOR OF ROMSEY'S CHARITY CONCERT

The Mayor of Romsey invites you to an unforgettable evening of entertainment at the Mayor's Charity Concert – a celebration of the incredible local talent. Enjoy performances from the *Michelmersh Silver Band*, *Solent Gay Men's Chorus*, *Saxy Brass*, the cast of *Wilde the Musical*, and much more.

Reserved £15

Unreserved £11



This special event is in support of the Mayor's Community Fund, which provides small grants to local charities and organisations making a real difference in Romsey. Come along, enjoy the show, and help support our wonderful community – every ticket sold makes a positive impact.

Sat
25 Apr
7.30pm

THE RITE OF SPRING, SIBELIUS No. 2

SOUTHAMPTON CONCERT ORCHESTRA

Join Southampton Concert Orchestra on a journey through three powerful visions of musical transformation.

STRAVINSKY The Rite of Spring

STRAVINSKY Dumbarton Oaks

SIBELIUS Symphony No. 2

Conductor Paul Ingram

Reserved £19

Unreserved £10

Sat
9 May
7.30pm

THE ROYAL MARINES ASSOCIATION CONCERT BAND WITH TREORCHY MALE CHOIR

An amazing evening not to be missed featuring music from Classical to West End, something for everyone!

Reserved £20, £5 (under 16s)

Unreserved £15, £5 (under 16s)



Concert supporting Romsey Abbey music
A charity fundraising event for RMA –
The Royal Marines Charity.

Sat
16 May
7.30pm

HAMPSHIRE CHORAL FESTIVAL

The combined choirs of Hampshire Choral Festival return to Romsey Abbey for a performance contrasting the flowing serenity of Duruflé's Requiem with the drama of Haydn's Nelson Mass.

DURUFLÉ Requiem

HAYDN Nelson Mass

Conductor Graham Kidd

Soloists Jocelyn Somerville (soprano)
Rebekah Nießer Jones (mezzo soprano)
Adrian Green (tenor)
Thomas Nießer (baritone)

Centre £25, £12.50 (students)

Side aisles £19, £9.50 (students)

Sat
23 May
7.30pm

ROMSEY CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

VIVALDI FOUR SEASONS

The Romsey Chamber Music Festival opens with a special celebration bringing together world-class artists and local musicians. Inspired by the festival theme Elements, this programme explores the forces of nature in music full of energy and colour.

REBEL *Le Cahos* from Les Éléments

ROSE BEAK

DVOŘÁK Silent Woods

PURCELL What Power Art Thou

VIVALDI The Four Seasons

Unreserved £20, £5 (under 25s)

Tickets for this event available at
www.romseychambermusic.com



Sat
13 Jun
7.30pm

HEAVENLY HARMONY

BOURNEMOUTH BACH CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

An evening of Baroque splendour with Handel's Coronation and Chandos Anthems alongside Bach's jubilant *Lobet den Herrn*, and the brilliance of *Let the Bright Seraphim* and *Eternal Source of Light Divine*.

HANDEL Coronation Anthems
Chandos Anthem No. 10, "The Lord is my Light"
Let the Bright Seraphim
Eternal Source of Light Divine

BACH *Lobet den Herrn*

Conductor Tim Hooper

Reserved £25, £12.50 (students)

Unreserved £15, £7.50 (students)

Children free (ticket required)

4th to 19th July

**Sat
4 Jul
7:30pm**

BRAHMS GERMAN REQUIEM

ROMSEY CHORAL SOCIETY
CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON ORCHESTRA

A concert exploring 19th-century German romanticism through three contrasting works. Brahms's *Variations on a Theme by Haydn* opens with classical poise and inventive orchestral colour. Mendelssohn's *Hear My Prayer* offers lyrical, devotional intimacy. The programme culminates in Brahms's profound *A German Requiem*, a humanistic meditation on consolation, grief, and hope, uniting chorus and orchestra in music of deep warmth and dignity.

BRAHMS	Variations on a Theme by Haydn
MENDELSSOHN	Hear my Prayer
BRAHMS	A German Requiem
Conductor	Richard Pearce
Reserved	£22, £11 (students and under 16s)
Unreserved	£12, £6 (students and under 16s)



**Fri
10 Jul
7:30pm**

THE KING'S MEN

WITH ROMSEY ABBEY CHOIRS

The King's Men – the choral scholars from King's College Cambridge – join forces with the Abbey choirs for an evening of choral and close harmony singing with pieces ranging from the Beatles to spirituals and sacred masterpieces.

Reserved	£18, £5 (under 16s)
Unreserved	£15, £5 (under 16s)



Concert supporting Romsey Abbey music

**Sun
12 Jul
3pm**

ROMSEY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

An afternoon performance by Romsey's own orchestra, with music by Haydn and Mozart. The programme includes a well-known piano concerto, and popular symphony.

MOZART	Overture from <i>La Clemenza di Tito</i>
MOZART	Piano Concerto No. 21 (<i>Elvira Madigan</i>)
HAYDN	Symphony No. 101 (<i>The Clock</i>)
Conductor	Stephen Smith
Soloist	James Carrick-Buchanan (piano)

Free with retiring collection

**Fri
17 Jul
7:30pm**

ROMSEY YOUTH CHOIR

SUMMER CONCERT

Music for a summer's evening performed by Romsey Youth Chamber Choir, Romsey Youth Choir and Romsey Youth Children's Choir.

Conductor	Marion Maxey
Reserved	£13, £6.50 (under 18s)
Unreserved	£10, £5 (under 18s)

**Sat
18 Jul
7:30pm**

MICHELMERSH SILVER BAND

140TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION CONCERT

Founded in 1886, Michelmersh Silver Band, Romsey's very own Championship Section band, celebrates its 140th birthday in 2026!

Always a favourite with Romsey audiences, the ever-popular band invites you to share in a celebration of this wonderful milestone with a gala concert of celebratory music to suit all tastes.

Reserved	£15
Unreserved	£10



Sat
5 Sep
7.30pm

CHARITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

20TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

In a culmination of their 20th anniversary year, the Charity Symphony Orchestra takes on one of the greatest symphonies in the repertoire. Completed 130 years ago, the work is a deep and moving exploration of Mahler's sense of the world, nature, animals, angels and love.

Don't miss an opportunity to hear this rarely performed masterwork.

MAHLER Symphony No.3 in D minor

Conductor Craig Lawton

Reserved £20, £15 (under 21s)

Unreserved £17, £15 (under 21s)



Concert supporting Orchestras for All



Sat
19 Sep
7.30pm

THE WOODFALLS BAND IN CONCERT

WITH THE ROMSEY MALE VOICE CHOIR

The Woodfalls Brass Band returns to Romsey Abbey for a concert filled with your favourites from brass band classics to film themes and pop – there will be something for everybody!

We are delighted to be sharing the stage with the Romsey Male Voice Choir.

Woodfalls is a Championship Section Brass Band based in the village of Woodfalls in the New Forest. The Band is celebrated for its commitment to tradition, community, and musical excellence.

The Woodfalls Band is sponsored by United Rental Group

Reserved £15, £10 (over 60's, students)

Unreserved £10

Under 16s free (ticket required)



Thu
22 Oct

ETHELFLAEDA FESTIVAL

Founded as a Benedictine Nunnery a thousand years ago, Romsey Abbey is dedicated to St Ethelflaeda, who was one of the earliest abbesses.

The annual Ethelflaeda Festival draws upon the Abbey's rich Benedictine history and celebrates the legacy of women in the church, society and the arts.

It combines art, music, words and prayer into a reflective and inspiring few days.

For information on this year's festival, please visit the Abbey website at www.romseyabbey.org.uk.

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Sun
25 Oct

Sat
7 Nov
7.30pm

MASS IN BLUE – WILL TODD

ROMSEY CHORAL SOCIETY

This concert celebrates the meeting of choral tradition and jazz vitality. Bob Chilcott's A Little Jazz Mass blends sacred text with rhythmic sparkle and blues-inflected harmony. A jazz trio set showcases improvisatory flair at the heart of the style. Will Todd's Mass in Blue, with the composer at the keyboard, brings the programme together in a powerful fusion of gospel, jazz, and choral expression.

CHILCOTT A Little Jazz Mass

WILL TODD TRIO Jazz set

WILL TODD Mass in Blue

Conductor Richard Pearce

Reserved £22, £11 (students and under 16s)

Unreserved £12, £6 (students and under 16s)



**Sat
12 Dec**
7pm

ROMSEY YOUTH CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A wonderful evening of Christmas music from Romsey Youth Choir, Romsey Youth Chamber Choir and Romsey Youth Children's Choir.

We look forward to welcoming you all.

Conductor Marion Maxey

Centre £15, £7.50 (under 18s)

Side aisles £10, £5 (under 18s)

**Fri
18 Dec**
7:30pm

WASSAIL! ROMSEY SINGERS

Popular carols for choir and audience.

Conductor Philip Lawson

Reserved £18, £9 (under 16s)

Unreserved £16, £8 (under 16s)



ROMSEY ABBEY LUNCHTIME RECITALS

The Abbey's Tuesday Lunchtime Recital programme runs from February to November. Recitals start at 1.00pm and last for 50 minutes. No booking is required. Admission is free with a retiring collection to cover costs and to support the Abbey's choirs.

The recitals present a wide variety of performers and genres – talented young musicians to seasoned professionals, classical to folk and jazz, soloists and ensembles. Something for everyone!

Join the recital emailing list to be kept informed of what's coming or check the Abbey website at romseyabbey.org.uk/visit/recitals

Contact:
lunchtimerecitals@romseyabbey.org.uk



MUSIC IN ROMSEY ABBEY

Music in Romsey Abbey provides visiting musicians with advance booking information, ticket advice and sales, concert staging, seating plans, stage managing and front of house facilities.

If you would be interested in helping in any capacity, please contact admin@musicinromsey.org

Charity number: 298562



PARKING

Nearby car parks with pedestrian access to the Abbey include those in Latimer St and Newton Lane.

TICKETS

For online tickets:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/musicinromsey

For other ticket enquiries and purchases:

Oasis Romsey, 25 Church Street, Romsey

Tel: 01794 512194

For the latest information on events in Romsey Abbey:

www.romseyabbey.org.uk/visit/concerts

Disabled facilities are available at Romsey Abbey