



ROMSEY  
ABBNEY

# MUSIC IN ROMSEY ABBNEY

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 masterpiece 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 Élémens*

**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](http://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)

**4<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 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 *La Clemenza di Tito*
**MOZART** Piano Concerto No. 21 (*Elvira Madigan*)

**HAYDN** Symphony No. 101 (*The Clock*)

**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**
**14<sup>TH</sup> 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  
7.00pm

## CHARITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

### 20<sup>TH</sup> 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

TO

Sun  
25 Oct

Sat  
7 Nov  
7.30pm

## 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](http://www.romseyabbey.org.uk).

## 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](http://romseyabbey.org.uk/visit/recitals)

Contact: [lunchtimerecitals@romseyabbey.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/musicinromsey)

Disabled facilities are available at Romsey Abbey

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](http://www.romseyabbey.org.uk/visit/concerts)