

# The Messiah

Freckleton Methodist Church Kirkham Road Freckleton PR4 1HS

**Performed by**

Soprano  
Laurie  
Ashworth

**KVU**

Mezzo Soprano  
Samantha  
Oxborough

Tenor  
Nicholas  
Hurndall Smith

**SINGERS**

Bass  
Terence  
Ayebore

**Conductor**

**Frank Smith**

Organist  
Shaun Turnbull

Trumpet  
Ben Jarvis

**No Charge – Donations Welcome**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**2.30 p.m. Part 1**

**4.00 p.m. Interval – Tea in Village Hall**

**6.00 p.m. Parts 2 & 3**

Arranged by Freckleton Music Festival Committee

Christmas is more than Santa Claus and presents, food and drink and certainly not limited to one day.

Christmas is a love story, about a broken relationship, about communication, about healing that relationship and demonstrating the passion God has for the world he made and the people he created and how love is at the heart of all that we are and holds all things together.

The Messiah tells that story, taking pieces of scripture and setting them to music. Handel combines the truth of scripture with the emotion of music to make an announcement that God in the person of Jesus is going to come to earth and reveal his glory. The intensity of the music and the meaning of the words make us think.

In a divided world where there is the darkness of war, the selfishness of greed and lack of care for neighbour and planet this message of hope, light in darkness, life that conquers death is relevant, inspiring, uplifting!

The wisdom and reassurance this story tells comes with freshness, it is a message for 2023. The quality and depth of the music will draw you in and move you as you listen to the Keighley Vocal Union Choir with returning soloists Laurie Ashworth (Soprano) and Terence Ayebare (Bass) and trumpeter Ben Jarvis. We welcome for the first time Nicholas Hurndall Smith (Tenor) and Samantha Oxborough (Mezzo Soprano) with special guest organist Shaun Turnbull from Leeds Minster. If you look up any of these performers you will see you have the opportunity to listen to international soloists.

Come to Freckleton Methodist Church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30 p.m. for Part 1. There is break at approximately 4.00 p.m. when you can enjoy Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall and Carol Singing at 5.15 p.m. in the church, then commencing at 6.00 p.m. the Messiah Parts 2 and 3.

This event is arranged by the Freckleton Music Festival Committee and funded by donations. For more information about the event or to make donations please contact David Kirby - Mob 07939 514 916 or

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