

Shirley Methodist Church, 257 Stratford Rd, Shirley, Solihull B90 3AL

Information Sheet.

John Stainer's Crucifixion & Gabriel Faure's Requiem

Bring & Sing on March 28th 2026

Shirley Methodist Church Choir & friends

including singers from Coventry Cathedral Chorus.

Conductor: Julie Barnes,

Organ: Graham Lowe.

Come & join us!

If you have a good knowledge of these two wonderful works, why not start Holy Week by enjoying a Saturday afternoon & evening in our marvellous concert space here in Shirley?

Singers will need their own copies, and will need to know the pieces, obviously, as the afternoon is a run-through, not a teaching session, although Julie is really good at putting everything together to create the best sound – as we discovered when we did The Messiah together in December 2024.

We will be using the following versions:- Requiem - Oxford Choral Music 1893 version, & Stainer's Novello version. I've checked on Amazon & eBay and there are plenty available from about £7 each. Whichever version you are using, please ensure that you have bar numbers!

We will start with a sing-through at 15.00. Please arrive at 14.30 to give us time to take your fee and sort out the seating. There is a large car park at the rear of the church, accessed off Solihull Road. You'll need to pay for the difference in time between when your first FREE three hours finish and 18.00, when it's free again.

There will be a short break during the sing-through, which will finish at 17.00

This gives you plenty of time to eat – Shirley has dozens of eateries ranging from English Pub Roasts, right through to, and including, Indian, Chinese, Mexican, Argentinian, Pizza, Chicken in as many varieties as you can imagine, and great fish & chips. There will be facilities provided if you want to eat at the church, and the kettle will be on.

The performance will begin at 19.00, with an interval after the Requiem, and should finish around 21.30, depending on the length of the interval. We will serve squash & biscuits for everyone at that time.

Dress is smart casual, whatever you are comfortable in. It would also be a good plan to bring some water for the rehearsal.

Register your interest by emailing [MessiahatShirley@proton.me](mailto: MessiahatShirley@proton.me) We are all looking forward to getting together again for another great sing.

It was so inspiring, let's do it again.

Please join us to enter Holy Week in a suitably reflective and calm frame of mind.