

# St. Anne's Festival

A week-long celebration of music, art,  
history, dance and poetry

Saturday July 23 – Sunday July 31, 2016  
Western Road, Lewes



Welcome to the beautiful church of St. Anne's, Lewes as you join us during our Festival week. Our ancient church is dedicated to St. Anne, the mother of the Virgin Mary, and our week long series of events are built round her feast day, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Our church has, for countless generations, witnessed to God's love for the world through its liturgy, ritual and prayer. We continue that tradition and, as an important part of our Festival, the Lady Chapel is open throughout for prayer and private meditation.

Thank you to all who have worked so hard to enable the Festival to happen. David Ollosson, our musical director, helped to create and support the vision of this event with the enthusiastic support of the many artists and performers who are featured during the week. The Festival Committee and members of our church and the wider community, including our neighbours who have so kindly sponsored this programme, have transformed the vision to reality.

I hope you enjoy your time with us and find the Festival and our beautiful church an uplifting experience.

Richard Moatt  
Rector of St. Anne's Church, Lewes

Please Note: Ramped access to St. Anne's is currently under development and will be available in 2017. Inquiries: Rev. Richard Moatt, 01273 472545; rectorlewes@btinternet.com

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Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2016

**Come and Sing: Chilcott Requiem and Popular Short Works**  
**Choral Director Peter Farrant**

The 'Come & Sing' event will be led by experienced Choral Director Peter Farrant. Since 1993 Peter has been working as a professional Music Director promoting new and unusual works alongside mainstream repertoire to great acclaim both in the UK and overseas. He has conducted at major cathedrals throughout the UK and Europe and concert halls which have included the Royal Albert Hall and Royal Festival Hall. Peter's energy and vision have transformed choirs and enabled individuals of all ages and abilities to discover the enjoyment and benefits that can be gained from experiencing live performance.

**2:00 - 6:00 pm Workshop:** Advanced Registration Required. Forms available in paper format from St. Anne's Church, or from [stannes4music@gmail.com](mailto:stannes4music@gmail.com)

**8:00 pm Performance:** Advance Tickets (01273 475201) Adult: £12; or on the door £14. Under age 16: £3

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Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**8:00 am**                      **Holy Communion**

**10:00 am**                      **Sung Eucharist**

Guest Preacher: The Venerable Martin Lloyd Williams, Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes

**2:30 - 5:00 pm**                      **Workshop with Sussex Harmony**

**Sussex Harmony**, based in Lewes, was founded in 1992. Their repertoire is researched from manuscript sources - particularly the MacDermott collection held at Barbican House, Lewes. Sussex Harmony are the current 'custodians of the 'West Gallery' repertoire' in Sussex and welcome requests to share their research into this rich and wonderful repertoire with musicians and singers throughout the county.

**The Workshop of West Gallery Music.** This is robust music from before the age of the church organ, fun to sing and play and relatively easy to learn. The more the merrier as this music needs to be sung and played with as much enthusiasm as accuracy. Participants will learn the hymns, psalms, canticles and an anthem that were sung in rural Sussex churches in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Following the workshop, and a break for light refreshments, they will then be performed at the Evening Service.

**Come and Celebrate – Sing and Play!! Singers and Musicians are needed for the Quire and Gallery Band** (flute, recorder, oboe, clarinet, violin, cello, trombone or serpent). Music will be supplied. B flat and other transpositions can be arranged.

**Please book by Friday 15 July** to register for a music booklet.

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All Welcome, including those who would like to listen to the workshop.

**6:00 pm**                      **Evening Service, Book of Common Prayer  
with Sussex Harmony and Guests**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**2:00 - 3:30pm Guided Walk of Historic Lewes by Graham Mayhew**

The guided walk will begin at the Market Tower and end at St. Anne's Church. The cost is £5 (payable on the day).

Graham Mayhew is a fellow of the Royal Historical Society and was organising tutor in history, teaching for 33 years for the Centre for Continuing Education, Sussex University and for 29 years for the Open University. He was elected to Lewes Town Council in 1979 and is currently Mayor of Lewes. His work on Lewes Priory, entitled *The Monks of Saint Pancras*, was published in 2014.

**7:00 pm                      Opening of the Festival Art Exhibition "Celebration"**

The Exhibition features a wide range of work created by friends and members of St. Anne's, curated by Mary Lowerson and opened by the Mayor of Lewes, Graham Mayhew.

The opening will be followed by a wine and cheese reception and an opportunity to meet the exhibitors.

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Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**10:30 am**                      **Holy Communion for Feast Day of St. Anne**

**2:00 - 5:00 pm**              **Festival Art Exhibition**

Refreshments will be available throughout the Exhibition. Join us for viewing, coffee and cake!



*St. Anne and St. Mary, Icon*

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Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**2:00 - 5:00 pm Festival Art Exhibition**

Refreshments will be available throughout the Exhibition.

**7:00 pm An Evening of Dance with Jonathan Burrows:  
52 PORTRAITS**

Jonathan Burrows is an internationally renowned choreographer, whose ongoing performances with the composer Matteo Fargion were seen in 13 countries last year, including major retrospectives in the USA and Portugal. The pair are in-house artists at the Nightingale Brighton but also rehearse regularly at St Anne's Church Lewes. As part of St Anne's Festival, Jonathan Burrows will curate a selection of films from their current year long online project *52 Portraits*, which features a short film of different dancers every Monday throughout 2016. Each portrait has a sung autobiography, showing a rare glimpse of the real life behind the usual angelic image of the dancer. Burrows will introduce the films and use them as a focus to explore how dance is made and the ideas behind this most elusive of art forms.

Join us for wine and light refreshments.

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Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**1:10 - 1:50 pm Piano Recital by Johan De Cock**

Johan was born in 1975 in Namibia. He studied piano with Catharina Struthers and harpsichord/pipe organ with Boudewijn Scholten at the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, from 1994 - 1996. He made his debut at the City Hall in Cape Town in 1996, playing Liszt's *Totentanz* with the Cape Philharmonic Orchestra. In October 2000 he moved to the UK where he has made his home ever since.

Johan has performed at Chichester Cathedral, the Chapel Royal, Brighton Unitarian Church, Brighton Friends' Meeting House, the Under Ground Theatre in Eastbourne, at the Brighton Fringe Festival in Sussex, and at many venues in London. More recently, he has taken lessons with Angela Lear and Graham Fitch in London, and also studied music pedagogy with the British organist and composer, Frederick Stocken.

Refreshments will be available from noon and after the recital.

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Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**2:00 - 5:00 pm                      Festival Art Exhibition**

Refreshments will be available throughout the Exhibition.

**7:00 pm                                      Ann Segrave and Friends Poetry Evening**

*Celebration* is the theme of our poetry evening this night.

Ann Segrave, who worships at St Anne's, will read her work, together with three distinguished Lewes poets. All have been published, and three of the four contributed to a debut event last year for the Friends of St. Anne's, which was enthusiastically received.

Wine and light refreshments will be served after the poetry readings when there will be an opportunity to meet with the poets.

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Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Coffee Morning**

**2:00 - 5:00 pm**

**Festival Art Exhibition**

Refreshments will be available throughout the Exhibition.

### Join The Friends of St. Anne's, Lewes!

St. Anne's is a Norman Church erected within 100 years of the conquest. It has witnessed the Battle of Lewes, the struggle for parliamentary reform, the terror of the Reformation and the Civil War. Generations of townsfolk have prayed here, married here and found their final resting place in its shadow. Today, it continues as a vibrant place of worship and a venue for music and other community events.

Ensuring the fabric of the church and churchyard are kept in good repair is costly business. The Friends of St. Anne's helps to raise awareness of the history of St. Anne's and to support fundraising to ensure this Grade One listed community treasure is available for generations to come.

Church and churchyard guidebooks and Friends membership information will be available in the Church throughout the Festival.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016

**9:00 am**                      **Sung Eucharist**

Guest Preacher: The Venerable Stephen Robbins, CB

Stephen was born in 1953 and lived in Gateshead. He attended Kings College, London University. After ordination, Stephen served in the north-east before 24 years of distinguished service as an army chaplain. He was Chaplain General from 2008-2011. He has been awarded the Queen's Commendation for gallant and distinguished Service (in Northern Ireland 1998-1999) and also the Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB). After leaving the army he was appointed chaplain to the Bishop of Salisbury and is currently the Bishop's Adviser for Deliverance Ministry.

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