#### (Newly-added and updated events are highlighted)

#### JULY 2024

#### Wednesday 3rd July, 6.30-9.45pm, Stricklandgate Methodist Church, Kendal

**Cumbria Festival Chorus** – Rehearsal for July's performances of Rachmaninov's Vespers. http://cumbriafestivalchorus.weebly.com/july-rachmaninov-vespers.html

#### Friday 5th July, 7.30pm, Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange Over Sands

**Grange Over Sands & District Concert Club:** Emma Abbate Piano Trio (with Evva Mizerska (cello) and Peter Cigleris (clarinet). <u>www.grangeoversandsconcertclub.org.uk</u>

#### Saturday 6th July, 2.30pm, Ambleside

Burneside Brass. Ambleside Rushbearing. www.burnesidebrass.co.uk

#### Saturday 6th July, 7.30pm, Kendal Parish Church

**Pro Nobis Singers** and the Pro Nobis Baroque Players, conducted by Clive Walkley – Zelenka, *Magnificat*; Vivaldi, *Gloria*; Bach *Magnificat*. Tickets £15, under-16s free. <u>www.pronobis-singers.com</u>

#### Sunday 7th July, 2.00pm, Grange-over-Sands bandstand

Burneside Brass. <u>www.burnesidebrass.co.uk</u>

#### <u>Sunday 7th July, 3.00pm, St Oswald's Church, Warton</u>

Levens Choir – "A Romantic Journey": the choral music of Bruckner and Brahms. The programme consists of some familiar and some novel pieces by both composers, plus three pieces by Josef Rheinberger. Nineteenth century romantic music at its best!". Conducted by Gawain Glenton. <u>www.levenschoir.net</u>

#### Sunday 7th July, time tbc, Crosscrake Parish Church

**Encore Opera Group**. Specialists in performing opera solos, duets, larger ensemble pieces and choruses, throughout the North West of England. www.encoreopera.weebly.com

#### Monday 8th July, 10.00am, St Anne's Church, Ings, Staveley

**Keldwyth Cumbrian Young Musicians Award** – Preliminary round. 15 Short recitals by the best young musicians in Cumbria. All-day ticket £7.50 at the door. Further details at <u>www.keldwythaward.org.uk</u>

#### Tuesday 9th July, 7.00pm, Piel View House, Barrow Park, Barrow-in-Furness

**Full of Noises** presents Alison Cotton. Since her first solo work manifested in 2018, Alison Cotton has quietly become one of the UK's most extraordinarily evocative aural explorers, building eerily arcane tapestries of supernatural beauty from her multilayered viola, incantatory vocals and harmonium. She has a concept album out on Rocket Recordings named 'Engelchen'. A soundscape about two Sunderland sisters who helped many Jewish families escape Nazi persecution.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/890178577087?aff=oddtdtcreator

#### Wednesday 10th July, 7pm for 7.15pm, Castle Street Community Centre, Kendal LA9 7AD

Westmorland Orchestra Summer Sessions 2024 – first of four weekly sessions. Come and play with us! Conductor Melvin Tay and the orchestra will be exploring Tchaikowsky's 5th Symphony and would like to share it with other orchestral players (recommended grade 5+). Sub for the evening £6, or for the series £20. More information on our website <u>https://www.westmorlandorchestra.org.uk/</u>

#### Wednesday 10th to Saturday 13th July, The Croston Theatre, Westholme School, Blackburn

**Ribble Valley International Piano Week**, with performances by Chair Martin Roscoe, President Peter Donohoe, and Rose McLachlan, Lauren Zhang, Winnie Su, Victor Lim. See <u>www.rvipw.org.uk</u>

#### Thursday 11th July, 6.30-9.45pm, Stricklandgate Methodist Church, Kendal

**Cumbria Festival Chorus** – Rehearsal for July's performances of Rachmaninov's Vespers. <u>http://cumbriafestivalchorus.weebly.com/july-rachmaninov-vespers.html</u>

#### Friday 12th July, 12.30-1.15pm, Kendal Parish Church

**Friday Lunchtime Organ Concerts**: Ian Pattinson (Lancaster Priory). Admission free, with retiring collection. Proceeds to the Organ Restoration Fund. <u>https://kendalparishchurch.co.uk/whats-on/</u>

#### Friday 12th July, 7.30pm, Cartmel Priory

**The Dorian Players** are putting on a performance in words and music entitled "In the Vale of Deadly Nightshade". It follows the story of Furness Abbey from its founding in the 12th century, until its dissolution under Henry VIII. It will be performed in costume using replicas of authentic instruments. Tickets at the door (£10). For further information email <u>playersdorian@gmail.com</u>

#### Friday 12th July, 7.30pm, St Mark's Church, Natland

FELLas men's choir invite you to Fellas Summer Sing! A new selection of songs, plus some well loved classics. Fundraising for St Mary's Hospice. Tickets £10 on the door, with interval drinks and raffle. <a href="http://www.kendalfellas.co.uk">www.kendalfellas.co.uk</a>

## Saturday 13th July, 7.30pm, Kendal Parish Church

Cumbria Festival Chorus – Rachmaninov *Vespers*. Conducted by Ian Jones. With Lynne Williams (saxophone). Ticket price £18 via Ticketsource:

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/select/QCnRkdMjsaEX or at the door. www.cumbriafestivalchorus.weebly.com

Saturday 13th July, St Lawrence's Church, Appleby

Come & Sing day with Tim Knight. applebyorganist16@hotmail.co.uk

#### Saturday 13th July, 7.00pm, St George's Church, Castle Street, Kendal

**Amabile Choir**: The World Around Us. Join us for an evening of choral music inspired by the world around us. <u>www.amabile.co.uk</u>

#### Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July, Lowther Castle and Gardens

**Cumbria Brass at the Castle**. Burneside Brass will be taking part in this day of music, community and shared heritage in glorious surroundings. By kind permission of Lowther Castle. brassatthecastle.com

#### Sunday 14th July, 2.00pm, The Glebe Bandstand, Bowness-on-Windermere

Kendal Concert Band – Free concert. In St Martin's Church if wet. www.kendalconcertband.org

#### Sunday 14th July, 2.30pm, St Anne's Church, Ings, Staveley

**Viva Wind Quintet**. Christine Lorriman (flute), Nigel Atkinson (oboe), Janet Barlow (clarinet), Keith Sagar (Horn), Jo Wood (bassoon). Programme to include Puccini *Nessun Dorma*, Piazzola *Oblivion*, plus works by Sullivan, Danzi, Zemlinsky. £10.00 at the door from 2pm, including tea/buns after the concert. <u>http://www.ingsvillage.org.uk/news-concerts.php</u>

## Sunday 14th July, 7.00pm, Kirkby Stephen Parish Church

Cumbria Festival Chorus – Rachmaninov *Vespers*. Conducted by Ian Jones. With Lynne Williams (saxophone). Ticket price £15 via Ticketsource:

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/select/vdnNpEwSxID U or at the door. <u>www.cumbriafestivalchorus.weebly.com</u>

#### Wednesday 17th July, 7pm for 7.15pm, Castle Street Community Centre, Kendal LA9 7AD

**Westmorland Orchestra Summer Sessions 2024** – second of four weekly sessions. Come and play with us! Conductor Melvin Tay and the orchestra will tackle Rachmaninov's 2nd Symphony – not played enough! Other orchestral players (recommended grade 5+) also need to know it! Sub for the evening £6, or for the series £20. More information on our website <u>https://www.westmorlandorchestra.org.uk/</u>

#### Saturday 20th July, Kendal

Kendal Unity Festival. This event may have an impact on parking in Kendal town centre.

#### Wednesday 24th July, 7pm for 7.15pm, Castle Street Community Centre, Kendal LA9 7AD

Westmorland Orchestra Summer Sessions 2024 – third of four weekly sessions. Come and play with us! Conductor Martin Budgett will develop the waltz from symphonic Minuet to the Blue Danube and beyond. Orchestral players (recommended grade 5+) please join in. Sub for the evening £6, or for the series £20. More information on our website <u>https://www.westmorlandorchestra.org.uk/</u>

### <u>Friday 26th July to Sunday 4th August – various times and venues</u> Lake District Summer Music Festival 2024. <u>https://tickets.ldsm.org.uk/sales</u>

#### Saturday 27th July, Kendal

**Kendal Family Festival** from Kendal BID. This event may have an impact on parking in Kendal town centre.

#### Sunday 28th July to Sunday 4th August, Morland Camp, Newby End Farm, near Penrith

**Morland Choristers' Camp** – Annual residential summer course for young singers aged 9-17. A unique opportunity to experience the excitement of singing in a 100-strong four-part choir and to enjoy a week of outdoor activities in the heart of the Eden Valley. Started in 1971, and led by 20 members of staff including Don Gillthorpe and Oliver Tarney. See <u>www.morland.org.uk</u>

#### Monday 29th July, 11.00am, St Oswald's Church, Grasmere

**Music at Grasmere**: Lake District Summer Music Brass Quintet. For more information contact Ian Hare at <u>ian.c.hare@outlook.com</u>

#### Wednesday 31st July, 7pm for 7.15pm, Castle Street Community Centre, Kendal LA9 7AD

**Westmorland Orchestra Summer Sessions 2024** – last of four weekly sessions. Come and play with us! Conductor Martin Budgett will host a glittering night at the opera, orchestral highlights and arias. Orchestral players (recommended grade 5+) are encouraged to share this treat. Sub for the evening £6, or for the series £20. More information on our website <u>https://www.westmorlandorchestra.org.uk/</u>

#### AUGUST 2024

#### 26th July to 4th August – various times and venues

Lake District Summer Music Festival 2024. <u>https://tickets.ldsm.org.uk/sales</u>

#### Thursday 1st to Sunday 4th August, Lowther Deer Park, near Penrith

Kendal Calling Festival. <u>https://www.kendalcalling.co.uk/</u> and <u>https://music-links.org.uk/</u>

#### Sunday 4th August, 5.00pm, Kendal Leisure Centre

**Final Concert of Lake District Summer Music 2024:** Holst *Planets Suite* and Brahms *Alto Rhapsody* with contralto soloist Jess Dandy. With the Northern Chamber Orchestra and LDM Festival Chorus conducted by Stephen Threlfall, Artistic Director of LDM.

#### Monday 10th August, 7.30pm, St Oswald's Church, Grasmere

**Music at Grasmere**: Organ Recital by Jonathan Bielby (Kendal Parish Church). For more information contact Ian Hare at <u>ian.c.hare@outlook.com</u>

#### Saturday 17th August, 7.30pm, St Anne's Church, Ings, Staveley

**Keldwyth Cumbrian Young Musicians Award** – Finals. Tickets at the door £10. <u>www.keldwythaward.org.uk</u>

#### Friday 23rd August, 7.30pm, St Helen's Church, Waddington

**Encore Opera Group**. Specialists in performing opera solos, duets, larger ensemble pieces and choruses, throughout the North West of England. <u>www.encoreopera.weebly.com</u>

#### Friday 30th and Saturday 31st August, 7.30pm, Penrith Playhouse

**Cumbria Opera Group: Kings, Witches, Lovers and Souls – A Compass of Cumbrian Legends**. This new opera from Jen Hartley takes audiences anticlockwise around old Cumbria from west to north, pausing to uncover old tales of battles, spirits, loyalty, love, betrayal, and superstition. From ruined abbeys to enchanted stone circles, watery secrets to ghostly cairns, this is a folkloric tour of the magic of Eden, the Lakes, and the Dales. Featuring the Cumbrian-born trio of Eleanor McIntosh, Anna Cooper, and Jonathan Hill (Glyndebourne, Garsington, Royal Opera House). www.cumbriaoperagroup.com

#### SEPTEMBER 2024

#### Friday 6th September, 7.30pm, Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange Over Sands, LA11 6DP

**Grange Over Sands & District Concert Club:** Deschanel Gordon Jazz Trio (piano, bass, drums). Deschanel won the 2018 BBC Young Jazz Musician competition. <u>www.grangeoversandsconcertclub.org.uk</u>

#### Sunday 8th September, 2.30pm, Heron Theatre, Stanley Street, Beetham

**Encore Opera Group**. Specialists in performing opera solos, duets, larger ensemble pieces and choruses, throughout the North West of England. www.encoreopera.weebly.com

#### Saturday 14th Sept, Ullswater College, Penrith

**Cumbria Singers** – First rehearsal of the new season with Matthew Owens. Mainly Anniversaries: Rutter (80) *Gloria*; Chilcott (70) *Requiem*; Wilberg (70) *The Call*; Vaughan Williams' *Antiphon*. Further rehearsals on 16th November, 8th February, 29th March, 25th April, for concert in Carlisle Cathedral, Saturday 26th April at 7.30pm. <u>https://cumbriasingers.org.uk/</u>

#### Saturday 14th September, 7.30pm, St Oswald's Church, Grasmere

**Music at Grasmere**: The Time Traveller's Pilgrimage. Deborah Catterall (mezzo soprano), Gareth Glyn Roberts (tenor), Hugh Cherry (lute). For more information contact Ian Hare at <u>ian.c.hare@outlook.com</u>

#### Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd September, Newby End Farm, Newby, Penrith

**Byrd, Britten and Beyond**: A choral weekend for experienced singers with Ian Jones. Application forms should be returned to <u>ij kg@btinternet.com</u>, to whom questions about the music should be addressed. <u>https://www.newbyendfarm.co.uk/courses-</u> events/

#### Saturday 21st September, Stricklandgate Methodist Church, Kendal

#### **Kendal South Choir**

# 10.00am-1.00pm: Workshop morning with soprano Jane Irwin. Learn how to make the best of your voice!

**2.00pm-5.00pm: Come & Sing afternoon**. More details later. Cost £20 for morning, £15 for afternoon, £30 for both. www.kendalsouthchoir.weebly.com

#### Sunday 22nd September, 2.30pm, Dalston Church, Dalston, Carlisle

**Encore Opera Group**. Specialists in performing opera solos, duets, larger ensemble pieces and choruses, throughout the North West of England. www.encoreopera.weebly.com <u>Thursday 26th September, 7.30pm, The Fratry, Carlisle Cathedral</u> Carlisle Music Society – Dominic Degavino (piano). https://carlislemusicsociety.weebly.com/202425-season.html

Saturday 28th September, 7.30pm, Westmorland Hall, Kendal Leisure Centre

**Lakeland Sinfonia Classics:** Gounod, Mozart, Handel and Haydn. Lakeland Sinfonia Orchestra led by Melinda Collins, conductor Melvin Tay. Soloist Cristian De Sa – Violin www.lakelandsinfonia.org.uk

<u>Saturday 28th September, Kendal</u> Kendal Torchlight. This event may have an impact on parking in Kendal town centre.

#### OCTOBER 2024

Friday 4th October, 7.30pm, Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange Over Sands Grange Over Sands & District Concert Club: Meliora Collective Chamber Orchestra (5 strings & 5 wind). www.grangeoversandsconcertclub.org.uk

Friday 4th to Saturday 5th October – various venues in Kendal town centre

Kendal Live Music Festival by Kendal BID. It is advisable to avoid booking Kendal events during this period because of the anticipated lack of parking near any Kendal venue.

#### <u>Friday 4th October, 7.30pm, St John's Church, Silverdale, Carnforth</u> Silverdale Renaissance: The Gesualdo Six. For more information contact rogeraitken@myphone.coop

Saturday 5th October (morning), Arnside Educational Institute, Church Hill, Arnside

**Silverdale Renaissance and Levens Choir**: Singers' workshop with the Gesualdo Six. For more information contact <u>rogeraitken@myphone.coop</u>

#### Saturday 12th October, 1.30pm-5.00pm, St Anne's Church, Ings

**For Ukraine + for Music & Cancer**: Mark your diary for the next opportunity to share and contribute to a wonderful afternoon. The Symphony Orchestra of the Lviv Philharmonic will be touring in England in the week before this event. For more information or to sign up email <u>UKRBenLA9@gmail.com</u>

Saturday 12th October, 7.30pm, Penrith Methodist Church, Penrith

Kendal Concert Band's Autumn Concert. £10 entry. www.kendalconcertband.org

#### Thursday 24th October, 7.30pm, The Fratry, Carlisle Cathedral

**Carlisle Music Society** – CarmenCo – Emily Andrews (flute and mezzo) and guitarists David Massey and Francisco Correa. <u>https://carlislemusicsociety.weebly.com/202425-</u> <u>season.html</u>

#### Saturday 26th October, 1.30-6.00pm, St George's Church, Castle Street, Kendal

**Kendal Choral Society** invite you to "come and sing" for Manna House. Join the choir for a workshop and short concert singing excerpts from: Bernstein's *West Side Story*, L'Estrange's *Songs of a Rainbow Nation*, Gjeilo's *Sunrise Mass* and Laurisden's

*Nocturnes*. £10 per person to be divided between the choral society and charity, Manna House. Come and join us for a fun afternoon of singing, supporting a vital local charity. Final details will be on our website in September: <u>kendalchoral.org.uk</u>

#### Sunday 27th October, 2.30pm, St Anne's Church, Ings, Staveley

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#### NOVEMBER 2024

#### <u>Saturday 2nd November, 3.00pm, Kendal Parish Church</u>

Lakeland Sinfonia Classics: Haydn, Faure and Mozart. Lakeland Sinfonia Orchestra, Leader Martin Hughes. Conductor and pianist Wyn Davies. Soloist Mary Plazas, soprano. <u>www.lakelandsinfonia.org</u>

#### Sunday 3rd November, 2.30pm, Newby End Farm, near Penrith (satnav Eden Valley Holidays)

Ballet-Film The Swan of Salen, inspired by Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake, with accompanying music played by the Willow Clarsach Trio, Information and tickets (£20) from David Jones (07850 203303).

#### Sunday 10th November, 2.30pm, Kendal Leisure Centre

**Lakeland Sinfonia Concert Series**: Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. Programme tba. <u>www.lakelandsinfonia.org.uk</u>

#### Thursday 14th November, 7.30pm, The Fratry, Carlisle Cathedral

**Carlisle Music Society** – John Turner (recorders), Richard Simpson (oboe) and Janet Simpson (piano). <u>https://carlislemusicsociety.weebly.com/202425-season.html</u>

#### Saturday 16th November, 7.30pm, St George's Church, Castle Street, Kendal

**Kendal South Choir**: Vivaldi *Gloria*, Rutter *Requiem* and Pergolesi *Stabat Mater*. Conducted by Geoffrey Field. With soloists Ellie Blewitt and Ellen Griffiths, and Andy Plowman (organ). <u>http://kendalsouthchoir.weebly.com</u>

#### Saturday 16th November, Ullswater College, Penrith

**Cumbria Singers** – Rehearsal with Matthew Owens for concert in Carlisle Cathedral on Saturday 26th April at 7.30pm. Mainly Anniversaries: Rutter (80) *Gloria*; Chilcott (70) *Requiem*; Wilberg (70) *The Call*; Vaughan Williams' *Antiphon*. Further rehearsals on 8th February, 29th March, 25th April. <u>https://cumbriasingers.org.uk/</u>

#### Thursday 21st November to Sunday 24th November

**KENDAL MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL.** It is advisable to avoid booking Kendal events during this period because of the anticipated lack of parking near any Kendal venue.

#### Friday 22nd November, 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Kirkby Lonsdale

**Encore Opera Group**. Specialists in performing opera solos, duets, larger ensemble pieces and choruses, throughout the North West of England. www.encoreopera.weebly.com

#### <u>Saturday 23rd November, 7.30pm, The Great Hall, Lancaster University</u>

Lancaster & District Choral Society. *Petite Messe Solennelle* by Rossini and *Beatus* Vir by Monteverdi. <u>https://www.ldcs-choral.org.uk/</u>

#### Saturday 30th November – time and venue tbc

Westmorland Youth Orchestra. More details later. www.wyo.org.uk

#### Saturday 30th November, 7.30pm, Great Hall, Lancaster University

Haffner Orchestra. Donizetti, Don Pasquale (concert performance, in Italian with English surtitles). Conductor Alex Robinson, soloists tbc, Furness Bach Choir. www.haffnerorchestra.org

#### DECEMBER 2024

#### Sunday 1st December, Kendal

**Kendal Christmas Celebration** from BID. This event may have an impact on parking in Kendal town centre.

#### Friday 6th and Saturday 7th December, Kendal Town Hall

**Kendal Whisky Festival**. This event may have an impact on parking in Kendal town centre. <u>https://kendalwhiskyfestival.co.uk/</u>

#### Saturday 7th December, 7.30pm, Ulverston Parish Church

**Furness Bach Choir**, conducted by Alex Robinson with Ensemble Laus Deo: Music for Advent. <u>https://furnessbachchoir.co.uk/home</u>

#### Saturday 7th December, 7.30pm, Wordsworth St Methodist Church or St Andrew's Church, Penrith (tbc)

Penrith Singers – Bach Christmas Oratorio. https://www.penrithsingers.co.uk/

#### Sunday 8th December, 2.30pm, Heron Theatre, Stanley Street, Beetham

**Cumbria Festival Chamber Choir**: Programme (tbc) to include A Ceremony of Carols (Britten) with harp and clarsach, Quatre Motets pour le temps de Noël (Poulenc). More details later.

#### Sunday 8th December, Slyne-with-Hest Church Hall – afternoon, time tbc

**Carnforth & District Choral Society** Christmas concert. <u>https://www.carnforthchoral.co.uk/</u>

#### Sunday 8th December, 3.00pm, Kendal Leisure Centre

**Westmorland Orchestra**. Farrington *Scary Fairy Saves Christmas*; Arnold *Tam O'Shanter Overture*; Ravel *Ma Mère l'Oye (Mother Goose)*; Anderson *Christmas Festival*. Conductor – Melvin Tay. <u>www.westmorlandorchestra.org.uk</u>

#### Monday 9th December, 7.30pm, Staveley Village Hall Staveley Choral Society Christmas concert. https://staveleychoral.org.uk

## Thursday 12th December, 7.30 pm, St John's Church, Keswick CA12 4DD

Keswick Choral Society: Festival of Christmas music, with carols for choir and audience. www.keswickchoralsociety.org.uk

- Friday 13th December, 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Ulverston Ulverston Choral Society – Messiah, Parts 1 and 2. https://www.facebook.com/ulverstonchoral
- Friday 13th December, 7.30pm, Stricklandgate Methodist Church, Kendal FELLas men's choir and Hutton Harmonies ladies' choir, both conducted by Emily

Robinson, with a Christmas medley. https://www.kendalfellas.co.uk/

#### Saturday 14th December, 9.30am, Kendal Town Hall

**Kendal Concert Band** playing Christmas at the Mayor's Coffee Morning. <u>www.kendalconcertband.org</u>

Saturday 14th December, 7.30pm, venue tbc Kendal Choral Society. <u>https://kendalchoral.org.uk/</u>

#### Saturday 14th December, 7.00pm, Kendal Parish Church, Kirkland, Kendal Amabile Choir: Christmas Concert. www.amabile.co.uk

#### <u>Saturday 14th December, 7.30 pm, Holy Trinity Church, Bolton-le-Sands</u> and

#### <u>Sunday 15th December, 3.00 pm, Carver Church, Lake Road, Windermere</u>

Levens Choir: "Now May We Singen", conducted by Gawain Glenton. A programme of seasonal music, new and old, including Howells and McDowall. <u>www.levenschoir.net</u>

Sunday 15th December, 2.00-4.00pm, Kendal Town Hall Kendal Concert Band's Christmas Concert in support of MNDA. www.kendalconcertband.org

Sunday 15th December, 7.30pm, St Mark's Church, Natland Pro Nobis Singers – Christmas concert. More details later.

#### <u>Thursday 19th December, 7.00pm, St Thomas's Church, Milnthorpe</u> **Eversley Choir's** traditional concert of Christmas music and readings will also include Haydn's *Little Organ Mass*. Eversleychoir.org

#### <u>Thursday 19th December, 7.30pm, St Paul's Church, Brookhouse, Lancaster</u> The Rushley Singers' Christmas Concert "Where the stars dance". <u>rmlee60@gmail.com</u>

#### Saturday 21st December, 7.30pm, St James's Church, Arnside Arnside Choral Society. <u>www.arnsidechoralsociety.co.uk</u>

#### Tuesday 31st December (New Year's Eve), 5.30-11.45pm, Carver Church, Windermere

Join Cumbria Festival Chorus and Orchestra to sing (or listen to) Mendelssohn's Elijah, conducted by Ian Jones, with soloists Emily Robinson, Kate Noble, Jim Bloomer and John Pratt. More details and invitations soon (once the reverberations of Rachmaninov's Vespers have died down!). www.cumbriafestivalchorus.weebly.com

#### JANUARY 2025

#### Saturday 4th January, 2.30pm, Kendal Leisure Centre

**Lakeland Sinfonia Concert Series:** Royal Northern Sinfonia. Programme tba, but probably Viennese themed. <u>www.lakelandsinfonia.org.uk</u>

#### Wednesday 8th January

Kendal Midday Concert Series recommences for the new year. www.kendalmiddayconcertclub.org

#### <u>Sunday 19th January, 3.00pm, Kendal Town Hall</u>

**Lakeland Sinfonia Classics:** Handel, Mozart, Albinoni. Lakeland Sinfonia Orchestra, Director – Martin Hughes. Soloists Cristo Harijan – piano; Anna Powell – oboe. www.lakelandsinfonia.org

#### Wednesday 22nd January

Kendal Midday Concert Series. www.kendalmiddayconcertclub.org

#### Thursday 23rd January, 7.30pm, The Fratry, Carlisle Cathedral

**Carlisle Music Society** – Charlotte Spruit (violin), with pianist (tba). <u>https://carlislemusicsociety.weebly.com/202425-season.html</u>

#### <u>Wednesday 29th January, 1.00pm, Kendal Town Hall</u>

Lakeland Sinfonia Concert Society: 'Live & Local' lunchtime recital. The Lakeland Sinfonia String Trio with leading players from the orchestra: Martin Hughes, Violin, Fay Sweet, Viola, Deborah Findley, Cello. The repertoire will be an instantly appealing range of music of contrasting characters and genres. Tea/Coffee & Biscuits available at 11:45. £2. www.lakelandsinfonia.org

#### FEBRUARY 2025

#### Wednesday 5th February

Kendal Midday Concert Series. www.kendalmiddayconcertclub.org

#### Saturday 8th February, Ullswater College, Penrith

**Cumbria Singers** – Rehearsal with Matthew Owens for concert in Carlisle Cathedral on Saturday 26th April at 7.30pm. Mainly Anniversaries: Rutter (80) *Gloria*; Chilcott (70) *Requiem*; Wilberg (70) *The Call*; Vaughan Williams' *Antiphon*. Further rehearsals on 29th March, 25th April. <u>https://cumbriasingers.org.uk/</u>

#### Wednesday 19th February

Kendal Midday Concert Series. <u>www.kendalmiddayconcertclub.org</u>

#### Thursday 20th February, 7.30pm, The Fratry, Carlisle Cathedral

**Carlisle Music Society** – The Paddington Trio. https://carlislemusicsociety.weebly.com/202425-season.html

#### Saturday 22nd February, 10.00am-5.00pm, Stricklandgate Methodist Church, Kendal

Cumbria Festival Chorus: Come & Sing Day – Bach: B Minor Mass. Come and work on selected choruses from this great work with David Hill MBE, Carlisle-born organist and choral conductor, and former Chief Conductor of the BBC Singers. Cumbria Festival Chorus will be performing the B Minor Mass on Saturday 12th July, so this is your chance to get ahead with learning the piece! More information shortly. www.cumbriafestivalchorus.weebly.com

#### <u>Wednesday 26th February, 1.00pm, Bowness Old Laundry Theatre</u>

Lakeland Sinfonia Concert Society: Live & Local. Cello Recital: Daniel Crompton. The Life of a Cellist; Including a mix of famous solo Baroque Cello pieces, well known Classics, own compositions, and a personal musical insight into his professional orchestral playing. Light lunches/refreshments available beforehand in the Old Laundry cafeteria. <u>https://lakelandsinfonia.org.uk/season-ahead/</u>

#### **MARCH 2025**

#### Saturday 1st March, 2.30pm, Capernwray Hall, near Carnforth

**Eversley Choir** return to Capernwray to perform Cherubini's dramatic *Requiem*, together with *Zadok the Priest* and other anthems by Handel for choir and orchestra. Local singers are invited to join Eversley as associate members for this exciting musical opportunity. <u>www.eversleychoir.org</u>

#### Saturday 1st March, 7.30pm, Great Hall, Lancaster University

Haffner Orchestra. Mozart, Piano Concerto in D minor; Shostakovich, Symphony no. 5. Conductor Alex Robinson, soloist Callum McLachlan. <u>www.haffnerorchestra.org</u>

#### Wednesday 5th March

Kendal Midday Concert Series. www.kendalmiddayconcertclub.org

#### Saturday 8th March, 3.00pm, Kendal Leisure Centre

Lakeland Sinfonia Classics: Rossini, Operatic Excerpts, Wagner, Gounod. Lakeland Sinfonia Orchestra, leader Martin Hughes, conductor Toby Hession. Vocal Soloists Jane Burnell soprano, Cara Blaikie mezzo soprano, Colin Murray baritone. Pre-concert "In Conversation" talk at 2pm. <u>https://lakelandsinfonia.org.uk/season-ahead/</u>

#### Monday 10th March to Friday 14th March, Kendal Town Hall

**Mary Wakefield Festival.** Adjudicated classes all week, followed by a Festival Showcase Concert and the Finals of the Jim Noble Award. Prospectus available September 2025. <u>www.marywakefieldfestival.weebly.com</u>

## Saturday 15th March – time and venue tbc

Westmorland Youth Orchestra. More details later. www.wyo.org.uk

#### Wednesday 19th March

Kendal Midday Concert Series. <u>www.kendalmiddayconcertclub.org</u>

#### Thursday 20th March, 7.30pm, The Fratry, Carlisle Cathedral

**Carlisle Music Society** – Sarah Gait (cello) and Simone Tavoni (piano). https://carlislemusicsociety.weebly.com/202425-season.html

#### Wednesday 26th March, 1.00pm, Old Laundry Theatre, Bowness-on-Windermere

Lakeland Sinfonia Concert Society – 'Live & Local' lunchtime recital. Bassoon Recital: Ursula Leveaux. A theatrical Bassoon recital including an own composed/curated piece embracing Baroque, folk and improvised music, and a witty and moving piece by John Steinmetz for bassoon and narrator, 'What Can I Do'. Light lunches / refreshments available beforehand in the Old Laundry cafeteria. www.lakelandsinfonia.org

#### Saturday 29th March, 7.30pm, Kendal Leisure Centre

**Westmorland Orchestra.** Weber *Der Freischütz* Overture; Sibelius *Violin Concerto*; Tchaikovsky *Symphony No. 6 "Pathétique"*. Violin Soloist Leora Cohen; conductor Melvin Tay. <u>www.westmorlandorchestra.org.uk</u>

#### Saturday 29th March, Ullswater College, Penrith

**Cumbria Singers** – Rehearsal with Matthew Owens for concert in Carlisle Cathedral on Saturday 26th April at 7.30pm. Mainly Anniversaries: Rutter (80) *Gloria*; Chilcott (70) *Requiem*; Wilberg (70) *The Call*; Vaughan Williams' *Antiphon*. Further rehearsal on 25th April. <u>https://cumbriasingers.org.uk/</u>

#### Saturday 29th March, 7.30pm, The Great Hall, Lancaster University

Lancaster & District Choral Society. Spring Concert. More information soon. https://www.ldcs-choral.org.uk/

#### **APRIL 2025**

#### Friday 4th April, 7.30pm, St John's Church, Silverdale, Carnforth

**Silverdale Renaissance: The Marian Consort** – Portuguese Polyphony. For more information contact <u>rogeraitken@myphone.coop</u>

#### Saturday 5th April, 7.30pm, Ulverston Parish Church

**Furness Bach Choir**, conducted by Alex Robinson with Ensemble Laus Deo: Bach B minor Mass. <u>https://furnessbachchoir.co.uk/home</u>

Sunday 6th April – time and venue tbc Pro Nobis Singers. More information later. www.pronobis-singers.com

#### Saturday 12th April, 7.30 pm, St John's Church, Keswick CA12 4DD

Keswick Choral Society: Spring Concert. www.keswickchoralsociety.org.uk

#### <u>Saturday 12th April, 7.30 pm, St George's Parish Church, Castle Street, Kendal</u> and

#### Sunday 13th April, 3.00 pm, Ripley School Chapel, Ashton Road, Lancaster Levens Choir conducted by Gawain Glenton. Duruflé *Requiem*, Fauré *Cantique de Jean Racine*, plus works for choir and organ by McDowall, Howells, Pärt and others. www.levenschoir.net

#### Friday 25th April, Ullswater College, Penrith

**Cumbria Singers** – Rehearsal with Matthew Owens for concert in Carlisle Cathedral on Saturday 26th April at 7.30pm. Mainly Anniversaries: Rutter (80) *Gloria*; Chilcott (70) *Requiem*; Wilberg (70) *The Call*; Vaughan Williams' *Antiphon*. https://cumbriasingers.org.uk/

#### Saturday 26th April, 7.30pm, Carlisle Cathedral

**Cumbria Singers – Mainly Anniversaries.** Rutter (80) *Gloria*; Chilcott (70) *Requiem*; Wilberg (70) *The Call*; Vaughan Williams *Antiphon*. <u>https://cumbriasingers.org.uk/</u>

#### MAY 2025

#### Saturday 10th May, Kendal Parish Church

**Kendal South Choir, the Amabile Choirs and FELLas men's choir**: Carmina Burana by Carl Orff. Other singers are invited to join us – an invitation will be sent out in September. <u>www.kendalsouthchoir.weebly.com</u>

#### Saturday 17th May, 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Ulverston

**Ulverston Choral Society**: The Armed Man, Dona Nobis Pacem. <u>https://www.facebook.com/ulverstonchoral</u>

#### JUNE 2025

#### Saturday 14th June, 7.30pm, Kendal Leisure Centre

**Westmorland Orchestra.** Verdi *La Forza del Destino* Overture; Stravinsky *The Firebird Suite*; Shostakovitch *Symphony No. 5*. Conductor Melvin Tay. <u>www.westmorlandorchestra.org.uk</u>

#### Saturday 21st June, 7.30pm, Ashton Hall, Lancaster

Haffner Orchestra. Stolzel, 'City Beautiful'; Barber, Violin Concerto; Dvorak, New World Symphony. Conductor Alex Robinson, soloist Sophie Rosa. <u>www.haffnerorchestra.org</u>

#### Saturday 28th June, 7.30pm, Bolton-le-Sands Community Centre

Lancaster & District Choral Society. Summer Concert. More information soon. https://www.ldcs-choral.org.uk/

#### JULY 2025

#### Saturday 5th July, 7.30pm, venue tbc

Levens Choir – Fiftieth anniversary celebration of Levens Choir. Conductors Gawain Glenton and, founder of the choir, Ian Jones. A programme of music by Lake District composers, old and contemporary, including Arthur Somervell.<u>www.levenschoir.net</u>

#### Saturday 5th July – time and venue tbc

Westmorland Youth Orchestra. More details later. www.wyo.org.uk

#### Saturday 12th July, 7.30pm, Kendal Parish Church

**Cumbria Festival Chorus and orchestra** – Bach: *B minor Mass*. <u>www.cumbriafestivalchorus.weebly.com</u>

#### **AUGUST 2025**

#### Thursday 21st to Saturday 30th August

**Cumbria Opera Festival 2025.** Venues throughout Cumbria. Please visit <u>www.cumbriaoperagroup.com</u> to sign up to our mailing list for updates.

#### SEPTEMBER 2025

Saturday 27th September, 7.30pm, venue tbc Lakeland Sinfonia Concert Society. <u>www.lakelandsinfonia.org.uk</u>

Saturday 27th or Sunday 28th September, St John's Church, Silverdale, Carnforth Silverdale Renaissance: Singers workshop with Robert Hollingworth of I Fagiolini. For more information contact rogeraitken@myphone.coop

#### OCTOBER 2025

Saturday 4th October, time tbc, St John's Church, Silverdale, Carnforth Silverdale Renaissance: I Fagiolini (with earlier singers' workshop). For more information contact rogeraitken@myphone.coop

#### NOVEMBER 2025

Saturday 29th November, 7.30pm, Great Hall, Lancaster University Haffner Orchestra. Programme tbc. www.haffnerorchestra.org

#### DECEMBER 2025

Saturday 6th or Sunday 7th December Westmorland Orchestra. <u>www.westmorlandorchestra.org.uk</u>

Saturday 13th December, 7.30pm, St Thomas's Church, Kendal (tbc) Levens Choir – Programme tbc. <u>www.levenschoir.net</u>

Saturday 20th December, 7.30pm, St George's Church, Castle Street, Kendal Kendal Choral Society Christmas concert. <u>www.kendalchoral.org.uk</u>

#### **MARCH 2026**

Saturday 7th March, 7.30pm, venue tbc Lakeland Sinfonia Concert Society. <u>www.lakelandsinfonia.org.uk</u>

Saturday 14th March, 7.30pm, Great Hall, Lancaster University Haffner Orchestra. Programme tbc. www.haffnerorchestra.org

#### SEPTEMBER 2026

Saturday 26th September, 7.30pm, venue tbc Lakeland Sinfonia Concert Society. <u>www.lakelandsinfonia.org.uk</u>

#### **MARCH 2027**

Monday 1st to Friday 5th March, Kendal Town Hall Mary Wakefield Festival. www.marywakefieldfestival.weebly.com

Saturday 6th March, 7.30pm, venue tbc Lakeland Sinfonia Concert Society. <u>www.lakelandsinfonia.org.uk</u>

## <u>Saturday 6th March, 7.30pm, Kendal area (tbc)</u> Sunday 7th March, 7.30pm, Lancaster area (tbc)

**Levens Choir**: J S Bach *St Matthew Passion*. Two special concerts with professional soloists and orchestra, marking the 300th anniversary of the composition of this masterpiece. <u>www.levenschoir.net</u>

#### SEPTEMBER 2027

Saturday 25th September, 7.30pm, venue tbc Lakeland Sinfonia Concert Society. <u>www.lakelandsinfonia.org.uk</u>

#### **MARCH 2028**

Saturday 4th March, 7.30pm, venue tbc Lakeland Sinfonia Concert Society. <u>www.lakelandsinfonia.org.uk</u>

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Weekly rehearsals

## Mondays 10am via Zoom

Tuesdays 11am via Zoom

Judith Gardner Jones is running some warm-up classes for singers on Mondays at 10:00am and Tuesdays at 11:00am. It's a 20 minute class via zoom and each class will be a stretch, a warm up exercise and a thought to make your singing more effervescent!

Particularly suitable for singers in choirs or theatre groups who don't really want to have one-to-one lessons, but would still like to improve. Email: <u>JGJvoice@gmail.com</u> to reserve your place. Cost £5 for a 20-minute session. Block bookings available. <u>https://jgjvoice.mymusicstaff.com/singFizz</u>

## Mondays 10.30am-12noon, Kendal Town Hall

## Mondays 7.00pm-8.30pm

## Tuesdays 9.30am-11.00am

**Growing Singing:** We cannot recommend enough that, if you like singing and fancy doing a bit more, you try coming along to one of our relaxed drop in Chorus singing groups. You have three different weekly opportunities to choose from and we cover the same songs in these three sessions.

# *Mid-Morning Chorus* - Monday—10.30am-12.00 noon \*NEW ADDITION from September 25th 2023\*

Twilight Chorus - Monday 7.00pm -8.30pm

Dawn Chorus - Tuesday 9.30am-11.00am

We've been running drop in groups in Kendal since 2011 and we always welcome new voices. It costs £7 a time (or pay what you can). Contact us at

<u>clare@growingsinging.co.uk</u> for dates and come along to a free taster session just to see if it's your kind of thing. Find out more at <u>www.growingsinging.co.uk</u>

#### Mondays, 2.30-4.00pm, New Hutton Institute

**Hutton Harmonies**, a choir for women in New and Old Hutton and beyond. Led by Emily Robinson. Contact <u>emilyrobinsonpritchard@gmail.com</u> or <u>jeanrobinson1946@gmail.com</u> for more information.

#### Mondays, 7.00-9.20pm, Borwick and Priest Hutton Memorial Hall, near Carnforth

**Eversley Choir** is always looking for new members and a warm welcome is guaranteed. For more information about the choir contact our Membership Secretary Wendy Williams on 01524 701148, email: <u>wendyj2897@gmail.com</u>. Alternatively, look at our website: <u>www.eversleychoir.org</u>

#### Mondays 7.00-9.00pm and Thursdays 1.30-3.30pm, Carver Church, Windermere

**South Lakes Acappella** welcomes new members. This newly formed totally *a cappella* choir sing a wide variety of contemporary, pop and jazz arrangements. All singers welcome. Contact Jeff Borradaile for more details. <u>jeffborradaile@me.com</u>

#### Mondays, 7.00-8.45pm, Staveley Village Hall

**Staveley Choral Society** rehearsals from September to late May. <u>www.staveleychoral.org.uk</u>

#### Mondays, 7.00-9.30pm, St Martin's Chapel, University of Cumbria, Lancaster

**Lancaster & District Choral Society** warmly welcomes new singers. There's no audition and you don't need to be able to read music. For more information ring 01524 37058. <u>www.ldcs-choral.org.uk</u>

#### Tuesdays 7.00pm-9.00pm, Kendal Town Hall

**The Growing Singers:** A friendly, mixed, fundraising choir, sharing their LOVE of singing led by Clare Elleray and Rachael Wadey. For all comers wanting to be part of a performing community choir using singing in positive ways to change their local and

wider world for the better. See our website <u>www.growingsinging.co.uk</u> for more details. Contact us at <u>clare@growingsinging.co.uk</u> for dates and details of when and how we welcome new members.

#### Tuesdays 7.00-9.00pm, Kendal Town Hall

**Fellside Singers:** A friendly, mixed, fundraising choir, sharing their LOVE of singing led by Clare Elleray and Rachael Wadey. For all comers wanting to be part of a performing community choir using singing in positive ways to change their local and wider world for the better. See our website <u>www.growingsinging.co.uk</u> for more details. Contact us at <u>clare@growingsinging.co.uk</u> for dates and details of when and how we welcome new members.

#### Tuesdays, 7.15pm, Dent Memorial Hall (beginning 6th September 2022)

**The Dentdale Choir** is delighted to announce that their new Musical Director is Nick Hurndall Smith, a well-known tenor soloist and musician. New members are always welcome – there's no audition and you don't have to be able to read music.

#### Tuesdays, 7.20-9.30pm, Endmoor Village Hall

Levens Choir rehearses. contact@levenschoir.net

#### Tuesdays, 7.30pm, Tebay Methodist Church Hall

**Cobweb Orchestra**: Wouldn't you just love to play in an orchestra? If you are an experienced player, a comparative beginner, or want to dust the cobwebs off an old instrument and get playing, then the award-winning Cobweb Orchestra is for you. Our local group meets in the Tebay Methodist Church hall on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm. Twenty easy minutes from Kendal and just off junction 38 of the M6. Everyone is welcome, and your first visit is free. Frequent weekend study days around the North of England. Conductor is Roland Fudge – <u>rolandfudge@austwick.org</u> – 015242 51567. Check the website – <u>www.cobweborchestra.org.uk</u>.

#### Tuesdays, 7.30pm, Stricklandgate Methodist Church, Kendal

**Kendal South Choir** rehearses with conductor Geoffrey Field. Very friendly choir. Sopranos and basses always needed! Starting again on 20th August 2024. <u>kendalsouthchoir.weebly.com</u> or email <u>kendalsouthchoir1@gmail.com</u>

#### Tuesdays, 7.30pm-9.30pm, Anglican and Free Church Chaplaincy Centre, Lancaster University

Lancaster Singers. The choir was formed nearly 50 years ago. We give five or six concerts a year, held in a variety of venues ranging from large concert halls, where we often perform with professional orchestras and soloists, to tiny village churches. Our repertoire is eclectic, and we perform classical works from the Renaissance to modern songs of today. Each of us pays an annual subscription. Students in full time education are free. Lancaster Singers is an auditioned choir for the over-18s. The audition is short and informal and although some musical literacy is required, we believe the variety of our musical backgrounds adds to the diversity and flexibility of the group. Please email Sarah Jackson at welcome@lancastersingers.org or give her a ring on 07929 031466.

#### Tuesday evenings, 7.00pm, Crosthwaite Parish Room, Keswick CA12 5QG (next to the Co-op)

**Keswick Choral Society** has been going since 1840 and is still welcoming singers on Tuesday evenings. Good sopranos particularly welcome at present! Details from the membership secretary 01931 714457 or <u>www.keswickchoralsociety.org.uk</u>

#### Wednesdays, 7.00pm, St Mary's Church, Kirkby Lonsdale – resuming on 13th September

**Sing Joyfully! and Kirkby Lonsdale Singers** are two very friendly and welcoming local choirs who sing and perform together in Kirkby Lonsdale. Located at an ideal crossroads for the Lancashire/South Cumbria/North Yorkshire borders, we rehearse and give concerts in the stunning surroundings of St Mary's parish church in Kirkby Lonsdale and occasionally in another venues across the region. Come and meet friendly faces, and enjoy singing with lovely folk who are very welcoming.

#### Wednesdays at 7pm, starting September 11<sup>th</sup> for the 2024-2025 season.

We have concerts planned for December and late May, and our programmes for this year feature choral music across a variety of genres, from mediaeval to present day, crossing world, folk, and classical traditions, as well as popular culture. We often perform with the wonderful band, 'Ruskin's View', as well as enjoying a cappella singing. We don't audition. You don't have to be able to read music, although we do use it. Music is made accessible through recordings, lyrics and learning by ear, as well as sheet music. We enjoy fun warm ups and also focus on vocal health and choral blend. Most of all we have fun! Lots to enjoy, and everyone is welcome, from complete beginners to experienced singers. Contact Anastasia Micklethwaite for more details on 07952 601568, or contact us via our websites:

www.anastasiamicklethwaite.com or https://www.kirkbylonsdalesingers.co.uk/. We are also on Facebook!

#### Wednesdays, 7.30-9.30pm, Kendal Town Hall

K Shoes Male Voice Choir rehearses each week (except August). New members are always welcome. <u>http://www.kshoesmvc.org/</u>

#### Thursdays, 7.30-9.30pm, Ghyllside Primary School, Gillinggate, Kendal Kendal Choral Society rehearses.

#### Thursdays, 7.30-9.00pm, St Mark's Church, Natland

The Pro Nobis Singers rehearse. www.pronobis-singers.com

#### Would you like to be involved with a local orchestra?

The Westmorland Orchestra is looking for volunteers! We perform three concerts a year, have a membership of over 50 players with professional conductor and leader and we are supported by patrons and subscribers. We have a vacancy for a Chair: if you would like to chat about this role – or other ways you can get involved with the orchestra, such as helping front of house on concert days, please do get in touch with Ann Robb wohonsecretary@gmail.com or Georgina Perkins worchestrachair@gmail.com or leave a message on 01539 896299 and we will get back to you.