



HALIFAX MINSTER *Summer Festival*

THURSDAY 29th JUNE - SUNDAY 9th JULY

PREVIEW EVENING FOR TRINITY ACADEMY ART EXHIBITION

📅 Thursday 29th June ⌚ 7pm – 9pm

💎 For Students, Parents, and Governors of Trinity Academy

Trinity Academy returns to the Minster for the second year, following the success of their GCSE and A Level exhibition last year. The Minster will be open to the public from 10am-4pm on a daily basis throughout the Summer (unless a special event or service is taking place) providing these talented young people with a public space to show their pieces of visual art. The Exhibition runs until 10th September.



SANS ILLUMINAIRE

📅 Friday 30th June ⌚ 7.30pm

💎 Tickets £5 available from the Minster shop or from the Minster Office 01422 355436

This candlelit tour of the Minster will allow visitors to meet those living history characters who have helped shape the town and its Minster. This tour will also be accompanied by music from different eras, including the plainsong of Compline or Night Prayer, from the monastic Benedictine tradition which founded the church in the 12th century.



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HALIFAX MINSTER CHOIR IN CONCERT

📅 Saturday 1st July ⌚ 7.30pm

💎 Tickets £5 available from the Minster shop or from the Minster Office 01422 355436

This concert sees the Minster Choir performing some of their exciting new repertoire, both sacred and popular, accompanied by both piano and organ, in preparation for their tour of Germany at the end of summer. The choir is made up of both children and adults with a love for music making, and especially singing. The children who feature in the choir are also encouraged to play instruments and study music theory as part of their education, and former Choristers have read music at national music colleges and Chetams' School of Music. Choral Scholarships are available for prospective Choristers in partnership between The Minster and Rishworth School. This is a fundraising concert for the Summer Tour.



SCHOOLS POETRY DAY

📅 Tuesday 4th July ⌚ 9.30am – 2.30pm

💎 Sponsored by The Bearder Charity

We are delighted to welcome the Annual Bearder Poetry Festival to the Minster Summer Festival. This inspiring event is open to primary schools from across Calderdale and features a professional poet who will lead workshops to encourage some of our younger Calderdale residents in the craft of words and rhyme.

Schools should register their interest through the Minster office on 01422 355436.



FESTIVAL ORGAN RECITAL GREG ABRAHAMS

📅 Thursday 6th July ⌚ 1pm

🍴 Lunch @ £4 served from 12.30pm with a retiring collection.

The recitalist will be Australian born Greg Abrahams who has recently performed in Chester, Birmingham, Hereford, Blackburn, Coventry and Bradford Cathedrals. He has also previously performed in Westminster Cathedral and twice at Westminster Abbey.

On the International circuit, Greg has performed in Slovakia, Notre Dame Paris, Washington National Cathedral, St Thomas 5th Avenue New York and Trinity Church Boston.

Later this year he returns to Australia to perform in St Mary's Cathedral Sydney. Greg has been resident in the UK for the past 29 years. He lives in Cheltenham and is organist and choir master at St Michael's Church in the village of Bishop's Cleeve on the northern side of Cheltenham. The choir has led the singing in services at Christ Church Oxford, Gloucester, Hereford, Worcester and Bristol Cathedrals. As well as holding professional music qualifications, Greg has a computer science degree, is a chartered engineer and his last 'proper job' was a University lecturer in Information Systems.



BLACK DYKE BAND CONCERT

📅 Thursday 6th July ⌚ 7.30pm

🎟 Tickets £14 available from Harvey's Department Store,
The Minster shop and the Minster Office 01422 355436
Sponsored by Harvey's of Halifax

We proudly welcome back the Yorkshire Champions to the Minster for this popular concert. In recent years the Band has made a number of recordings in the Minster, making full use of its special acoustics. This has become a significant fundraising event, as the Minster continues to serve the town and beyond, helping to ensure it is maintained for future generations to enjoy.



SENIOR CITIZENS ORCHESTRA

📅 Friday 7th July ⌚ 10.30am

🎟 FREE event

This event is aimed at older people, especially those who are often housebound and isolated, who may benefit from the opportunity to get out and about and enjoy listening to a melody of popular tunes played by Calderdale's own Senior Citizens Orchestra led by Judith Mclean. If you know people who would benefit from such an event like this, please bring them along. We would like to encourage Care Homes to organise transport for their residents to attend. This event is in partnership with Calderdale Council's Staying Well Project.

Refreshments will be provided and served at the end of the performance.



A MUSICAL KALEIDOSCOPE

📅 Friday 7th July ⌚ 7.30pm

🎟 Tickets £5 available from The Minster Shop and the
Minster Office 01422 355436

This exciting evening of music brings together a wide variety of musicians and styles. From the close harmony of barbershop group 'A Close Shave', to individual performances of 'Future Heroes' sponsored by Community Foundation for Calderdale. The evening will be rounded off with the harmonies of Melody Belles.

This event has something for everyone in the community.



THE SUITCASE DWELLERS

📅 Saturday 8th July ⌚ 7.30pm

💎 Tickets £5 from The Minster Shop and the Minster Office
01422 355436 Sponsored by GSG Pianos.

The Suitcase Dwellers are a modern acoustic duo from Yorkshire. With Lizzey on vocals and piano and Sam playing guitar, bass, tambourine and bass drum all at the same time it can sound like there are four people on stage. The Suitcase Dwellers share their memories, experiences and thoughts with their songs. From delicate songs of loss, waltzes of betrayal, folk blues tinged songs of love and discovery, classical flourishes and surprises and foot stomping songs of fun and anger. They throw a few covers in with their own twist too.

Lizzey and Sam are living up to The Suitcase Dwellers name, playing gigs around the UK and venturing over to Germany and Belgium. They are looking forward to playing in Lizzey's home town Halifax.

Joining them are Unity Voices Choir from Marsden in Huddersfield. An all female choir started by a group of friends over twenty years ago, they sing songs of all styles from around the world and tonight, for the second time, they join The Suitcase Dwellers on stage for an exciting night of music in the wonderful Halifax Minster.

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COME AND SING CHORAL EVENSONG

📅 Sunday 9th July ⌚ 4pm (Rehearsal 2.30pm)

💎 £5 donation on the door

This event is open to everyone who would relish the opportunity to sing a traditional Book of Common Prayer Evensong in the unique setting of Halifax Minster. The programme will include: Charles Stanford 'Canticles in C', and Charles Wesley's famous anthem, 'Blessed be the God and Father'. All welcome to come and join the Minster Choir at this final Festival Event for 2017.



BECOME A FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER

Email Halifax Minster office for information: admin@halifaxminster.org.uk

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