

# BRADFORD ORANISTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

April 2023

President's letter

Dear All,

As I write, I suspect a lot of us are in the midst of preparations for Holy Week and Easter. Such is the way of life musically post-Covid, this may well be a return to some semblance of normality through the Paschal Victory and Triduum in a way not possible in 2022. Musically of course, this is one of the most exciting and certainly moving parts of the liturgical year, with the full plethora of musical moods, emotions and affekts on dimply through such a short space of time. Look out for a number of powerful and moving services and concerts in the next few days, including Stainer's Crucifixion at Bradford Cathedral on Palm Sunday, Handel's Messiah at St Peter's Church, Harrogate on Wednesday 5th, Penthos Requiem at Leeds Minster on Good Friday (7th) and many more.

As an association, we are looking forward to the Annual General Meeting in Cullingworth on Saturday 15th, and the council are busy with the mammoth task of re-doing and re-vamping our website. We are hoping this will allow us to list all our second-hand music online in a way which updates much more instantly, and is easier to access for all members and beyond. We have enjoyed a wonderful day at Bradford Cathedral for our organ extravaganza earlier in the year, for which we're very grateful for all the help and support of our organ manufacturer colleagues and friends.

I look forward to seeing you at a meeting very soon, and do keep us all updated with your musical news and events!

With all best wishes, Anthony

## **AGM15th April, 6.45 pm at St. John's, Cullingworth, BD13 5HN**

**President's Event** February 18<sup>th</sup> at Addingham

Anthony introduced members to his Covid Lockdown project.

During Lockdown he produced a psalter for St. Wilfrid's Harrogate where he is Director of Music. Many friends were asked to contribute chants for responsorial psalms to be included in the psalter.

Having explained how he had produced the psalter, Anthony encouraged members to sing some of the psalms.

This was an interesting afternoon which ended with refreshments.

Unfortunately, Anthony could not stay and chat as he had to rush off to another engagement.

Thank you Anthony for a very interesting President's Event.

**Professor David Baker - The Art of Glee singing in this area from 1700 to 2000.** March 18<sup>th</sup> at St. John's, Baildon

This was another meeting when members were asked to sing. I was amazed to find that my home village featured quite prominently, having had a thriving group of singers.

For those present some hymn tunes will always remind them of a very interesting meeting at Baildon.

Thank you, David for giving us such an entertaining afternoon.

Sheila