



President: Sarah, Countess of Leicester

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## Invites you to a **Come & Sing Day**

The day will be led by Fakenham Choral Society's Musical Director, Mark Jones, a familiar face to many local singers, and the accompanist will be James Mooney-Dutton.

Date: **Saturday 15 April 2023 9.45am – 7.00pm**

Venue: **Fakenham Academy, Field Lane, Fakenham, NR21 9QT**

We will once again be using the facilities at Fakenham Academy for the morning and afternoon workshops and for a late afternoon/ early evening performance. The Academy is easy to access, has plenty of parking, a large hall for singing and a dining area with seating for breaks, lunch and tea time.

Music: **Haydn's Nelson Mass**

**All voice parts welcome**

The superb Nelson Mass or Missa in Angustiis (Mass for troubled times) was written in 1798, a time of intense fear after Napoleon Bonaparte had defeated the Austrian army in four major battles. However the British dealt Napoleon a stunning defeat in the Battle of the Nile. As the news reverberated around the world, Nelson was heralded as the 'saviour of Europe'. It's possible that reports of this victory may have reached Haydn and his audience on the day of the Mass's first performance in September 1798 and that the Mass was later performed to honour Nelson during his visit to the Esterhazy court. Napoleon's defeat changed the way that the Mass was heard and from then on it gradually acquired the name 'Nelson' which it still carries today.

Cost: £15 per singer, under 21s £3

Charity: **East Anglia's Children's Hospices**

We aim to raise funds from singers' donations, a raffle on the day and audience donations for **EACH** – who support families and care for children and young people with life-threatening conditions.

Do join us in what is always an enjoyable and fun day of singing together. Please encourage other singers to come along and please encourage your family and friends to come and listen to the performance and support **EACH**.

More information and registration forms are available on the FCS website:

[www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org](http://www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org)

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If you would like to be removed from our Come & Sing database please let me know.

I look forward to seeing you. **Rosemary Dear**