

Christchurch Priory --- Concerts

If you wish to consider putting on a concert in Christchurch Priory please read the following document carefully and complete the application form at the attached.

You can email the Priory's Director of Music, Simon Earl via simon.earl@christchurchpriory.org if you have any queries.

Please note that the Priory receives a large number of concert requests, and we regret that we cannot fulfil them all.

The concerts committee convenes monthly to discuss applications for all concerts. The decision of the concerts committee is final.

Context:

The Priory allows public concerts to take place in the church, on the basis that:

- It allows groups to make use of the space, musical resources and facilities of this beautiful church.
- It acts as a form of outreach to the local and wider community, helping to “put the Priory on the map”.
- Offering concerts performed to a high standard in line with the Priory's pursuit of musical excellence.
- It provides a performance opportunity for musicians from the local community, and further afield.
- It provides musical pleasure to performers and audiences alike.
- It raises funds to support the ongoing running costs of the church – as a building and as a community hub.

The Priory promotes several Saturday evening concerts per year. As such, they appear as part of our own publicity.

These concerts cannot be booked more than 2 years in advance. Although of course the Priory wishes to establish and maintain positive relationships with user groups, we cannot promise a “right” to perform in the Priory,.

The concerts are liable to a facility fee for use of the building (see scale of charges).

Applications for such concerts now need to include proposed programmes, to avoid the excessive duplication that we have encountered over recent seasons. You may be asked to reconsider one or more pieces for that reason.

By tradition, the Priory also hosts an annual performance of the Messiah, in December.

At the discretion of the Concerts Committee, and subject to the diary, the Priory can also be booked for an evening concert on other days.

As with Saturday evening concerts, the concerts committee will consider each application on a case by case basis. Such concerts will not appear on our main list of evening concerts, but we will be able to list them on our website, and in our weekly pew bulletin.

It may, on rare occasions, be possible to hold an informal concert in the Priory. These are considered on a case by case basis by the Director of Music and the concerts committee. The Priory remains open to the public for these concerts and a retiring collection is taken.

Simon Earl
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Concert Booking Enquiry Form – Christchurch Priory

Name of group/organization wishing to put on a concert	
Proposed specific date/date period (e.g. Summer 2025)	
Lunchtime recital/ Evening concert (please delete as appropriate)	
Name of contact	
Position within organization	
Contact details Address	
Phone	
Email	
Proposed title/content of concert	
Approximate number of performers	
Would you require staging*?	
Would you require use of the piano?	
Would you require use of the harpsichord?	
Would you require use of the main organ?	
Would you require use of the chamber organ?	
Would you require use of “green rooms” in Priory House? Please specify	
Do you have any other specific requirements?	
Signed	
Date	

Please return this form by post to:

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*see details on scale of charges