

ARTS SOCIETY LAVANT VALLEY

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2019

CHRISTMAS VISIT

A UNIQUE MUSICAL TOUR OF WESTMINSTER ABBEY, WITH SUPPER

The history of Westminster Abbey goes back to 960 AD and is intertwined with the history of England and our monarchy. It is also the site of some splendid architecture, historic monuments and memorials and stained glass windows.

But the Abbey is also home to some of the best choral music in the country. Former choristers of the Abbey have formed the Purcell Club, a choir named in honour of Henry Purcell, organist of the Abbey 1680 - 1695.

This rare visit – for which the Society has waited many months – will combine a tour of the historic sights within the Abbey with musical interludes from the Purcell Club. These are chosen to match the particular sight on the tour. It will also include a short recital on the Abbey's organ, one of the largest in England.

The visit takes place in the quiet of the evening, when the tourists have left. Timings:

3.00pm Leave Chichester (Oaklands Way lay-by) by coach to London. Return to Chichester around 11.00pm.

5.30pm Supper in The Cellarium at the Abbey – see below.

6.45pm. Tour starts from Cloisters entrance – lasts about 2 hours.

A set Supper in the Cellarium (Abbey crypt) will be included for all members, unless you specifically opt out on the Booking Form – *when you will be responsible for arriving for the tour on time*. Supper will comprise a main course (Breast of chicken), a pudding (Panacotta & citrus) and coffee. Wine and soft drinks are available and should be paid for individually. A vegetarian option (Potato Gnocchi) is also available – please specify on the Booking Form.

We are limited to 45 members for this visit. Cost is £72 per member (or £52 without supper). Priority will be given to registered ASLV members; if you want to bring a non-member guest – and space becomes available – please so indicate on the Booking Form.

Visit contacts are Ian Farman (Mobile 07879 406624) and Tony Chapman (Mobile 07980 989156).

Please see attached Booking Form.

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BOOKING FORM

I/We wish to apply for ticket(s) @ £72 per ticket (OR tickets @£52 per ticket without supper).

I/We enclose a cheque made out to The Arts Society Lavant Valley for £..... **together with** a stamped addressed return envelope.

Please send the Booking Form to Ian Farman, Little Meadow Cottage, Charlton, Chichester PO18 0HU.

Member name/names

Address.....

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Post Code..... Tel No.....

Email address.....

The following would like the vegetarian option at supper (name(s)).....

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I would like to bring a non-member guest if space becomes available YES/NO. (You will be contacted).

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION – MUST BE COMPLETED PLEASE

Your names(s).....

Your Mobile number.....

Name of emergency contact.....

Relationship to you.....

Telephone number of emergency contact.....

Do you carry with you essential medication YES/NO

If YES, please bring with you a list for possible use by emergency medical staff.

PLEASE NOTE that ticket costs, once paid, cannot be refunded except in very exceptional circumstances or when there is someone to fill the space. Cheques will be cashed once the trip is viable.