

# BOOKING FORM

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

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### Choir publicity:

May we notify you about future concerts and other choir events?

YES  NO

Your contact details will **not** be passed on to any other third parties or used for any other purpose whatsoever.

**Price: £10 per person**

includes drinks (tea or coffee) in the intervals—  
bring a sandwich if you want something to eat!

Please return the completed booking form with a cheque for **£10** per person (make cheques payable to **The Huddersfield Singers**) to:

**Ruth Wilson** (email [secretary@huddersfieldsingers.com](mailto:secretary@huddersfieldsingers.com)),  
**Old House Farm, Elland Road, Barkisland, Halifax, HX4 0DJ**

**Enquiries:** Contact Ruth Wilson by email or phone **01422 822342**

Although it is possible to pay on the door, advance booking is strongly encouraged because the number of places is limited.

# VENUE



**Huddersfield Methodist Mission**  
**15 Lord Street, Huddersfield, HD1 1QA**  
(just below the Parish Church in the town centre)

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The venue is in the centre of Huddersfield, across the road from the Parish Church, and within easy walking distance of both railway and bus stations.

### CAR PARKING

There is limited on-street parking, but Kingsgate Shopping Centre multi-storey car park is just across the road from the venue and all town centre car parks are within easy reach.

# The Huddersfield SINGERS

— present —

*Come and Sing...*

# GOSPEL

A choral workshop directed by  
**Alexander Douglas**



featuring the gospel ensemble **AINE**,  
finalists in the **BBC Songs of Praise**  
**Gospel Choir of the Year 2014**

**Sunday, 17th May 2015**  
Afternoon & evening (2pm–7pm) at  
**Huddersfield Methodist Mission**

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## INTRODUCTION

The **Huddersfield Singers** are excited to welcome **AINE** as their guests in a very special **Come and Sing** event based on the African–American spirituals tradition.

Choral singers in Yorkshire don't often have the chance to work in a substantive way in non-classical music forms, so this is a great opportunity to be led through exciting new repertoire by **Alexander Douglas**, Conductor of **The Huddersfield Singers**—who also happens to be one of the UK's outstanding gospel choral directors! We are also privileged to be joined by **AINE**, the gospel choir directed by Alexander that reached the final of the **BBC Songs of Praise Gospel Choir of the Year 2014**.

The day will consist of unusual gospel-based warm-ups, singing rounds and choruses by ear and also some score-based work on a few arrangements (including a South African spiritual). All necessary musical scores will be provided on the day.

The members of **AINE** will be on hand to work with the different sections throughout the afternoon, and the workshop will conclude with an informal performance of the various pieces of music that the participants have explored—which friends and family are welcome to attend for free. **AINE** will also sing a few numbers as part of the performance.

## EVERYONE WELCOME!

The event is open to all singers, whether experienced choir members or amateurs, who are keen to try something new and interesting.

## PROGRAMME

- 2:00 **WELCOME:** Warm-ups (with a difference)
- 2:15 "One More Time"
- 2:30 "Spirituals Medley"
- 3:00 **BREAK** for a drink
- 3:15 "Praise the Lord" (South African)
- 4:00 "Welcome Table"
- 4:25 **BREAK** for sandwiches
- 5:00 "Steal Away"
- 5:45 Review and performance brief
- 6:15 **PERFORMANCE** with numbers from **AINE**
- 7:00 **CLOSE**



## WHO'S WHO

**THE HUDDERSFIELD SINGERS**  
**The Huddersfield Singers** was founded in 1875 as the **Huddersfield Glee & Madrigal Society** and operated under that name for over a century. As both the leading and longest-established chamber choir in the area, the choir is well-known for exploring adventurous musical repertoire, and has a constitutional commitment to educate the public in musical appreciation—hence this innovative workshop! The choir's repertoire is primarily classical, though highly varied, and **the group is always very keen to welcome new members**. For full details visit: <http://www.HuddersfieldSingers.com>

### AINE

**AINE** (pronounced "An-yeh") was formed in 2007 initially as an all-female ensemble but later added male voices. The group performs almost exclusively the compositions and arrangements of **Alexander Douglas**, whose unique approach to contemporary gospel music adopts elements from both jazz and classical music. As noted, the group reached the final of the prestigious **BBC Songs of Praise Gospel Choir of the Year 2014** competition.

### ALEXANDER DOUGLAS

**Alex** is Conductor of **The Huddersfield Singers**, Music Director of **AINE** and director of various other ensembles. Beyond his gospel interests he is a great proponent of the music of Bach, and has wide-ranging interests in classical music and jazz. He has achieved success as a composer and arranger, including having written a film score that was performed by Hugh Laurie! He holds three Masters degrees in music.

