

INTRODUCING.....

THE HYMN SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND



What is The Hymn Society?

It is a diverse group of people, all sharing an interest in hymns. There are about 480 individual members (and 64 subscribing libraries and other institutions). Some have a special interest in words and/or music, there are hymn writers, composers, hymn book editors; many members are responsible for the choice of hymns in worship, others are hymn enthusiasts or simply enjoy singing hymns.

What are The Hymn Society's aims?

There are four clear aims:

- Encouraging study and research in hymnody;
- Promoting good standards of hymn-singing;
- Encouraging the discerning use of hymns and songs in worship;
- Sponsoring relevant publications.

Is The Hymn Society a denominational Body?

No. It is a fully inclusive organisation, its membership being open to anyone who has an interest in hymns.

What is the value of membership of The Hymn Society?

Members receive a quarterly Bulletin containing a wide range of articles on hymns and hymnody, book reviews and reports of events. Occasional Papers on specific topics are published separately. There is an advice service available for hymn texts and tunes. With a history going back to 1936, the Bulletins - all of which are in print - provide a unique record of the story of hymns and hymn books in Britain and elsewhere. Membership of The Society also enables members, should they wish, to become members of our sister Societies in Europe, and the United States and Canada.

Do members meet?

Members are invited to an annual three-day Conference at the end of July, with eminent speakers, workshops, and a Festival of Hymns. This is an excellent opportunity to meet leading figures in the world of hymnody, and usually attracts 90-100 members. There are occasional regional events. Information is also circulated about international conferences with our sister organisations in Europe, the United States and Canada.

Is it expensive to join?

The annual subscription is currently £17.50 for individual members, £22.50 for couples, £7.50 for full-time students.

How do you join?

The Secretary will be glad to hear from you. Simply fill in the attached application form indicating the type of membership you require, detach it, and post it. If you would like a little more information first, the Secretary will be pleased to answer any queries you may have and send you a recent copy of the Bulletin.

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And, finally, why do we sing hymns?

A hymn can answer that question -

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.

William Kethe (d. 1594)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please enter in block capitals

I/We would like to join The Hymn Society of Gt Britain & Ireland:

Title:.....

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Postcode:.....

Date of Application:.....

Telephone:.....

Email:.....

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Type of membership (*please tick as appropriate*):

Single UK Membership £17.50 p.a. Ten Year Rate £150.00

Couples UK £22.50 p.a. Ten Year Rate £200.00

Full-time Students UK £7.50 p.a.

Overseas subscribers paying in Sterling through a UK Bank:

Single Membership £20.00 p.a. Couples £25.00 p.a.

Overseas subscribers paying through a non-UK bank whatever currency:

Single Membership £28.00 p.a. Couples £33.00 p.a.

Arrangements are in place for members of the Society to subscribe also, if they wish, to IAH (our sister Society in Europe) and/or The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada at special rates. These are £9.00 p.a. for IAH and £20.00 p.a. for HSUSC

I wish to include within my membership (*please tick as appropriate*):

IAH (an additional £9.00 p.a.) HSUSC (an additional £20.00 p.a.)

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I enclose my cheque for £.....

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I would like to Gift Aid my subscription. (You will need to fill in and sign the adjacent form for Gift Aid to be claimed)

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