

## 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 450 individual members (and over 50 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 principal 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 Newsletter and Bulletin containing a wide range of articles on hymns and hymnody, book reviews and reports of events. Occasional Papers dealing with specific topics in greater depth are published separately (usually one a year). 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 within the UK is currently £22.00 for individual members, £27.00 for couples, and £10.00 for full-time students. Separate rates apply to Mainland Europe and the Rest of the World.

### 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 to him. If you would like more information first, the Secretary is always 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:.....

..... Postcode:.....

Date of Application:..... Telephone:.....

Email:.....

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

- Single UK £22.00 p.a.     5 Yr Rate £100.00     10 Yr Rate £125.00  
 Couples UK £27.00 p.a.     5 Yr Rate £200.00     10 Yr Rate £250.00  
 Full-time Students UK £10.00 p.a.

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- Single Membership £25.00 p.a.     Couples £30.00 p.a.

Europe (excluding UK) subscribers paying in Euros through a non-UK bank:

- Single Membership €40.00 p.a.     Couples €47.00 p.a.

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- Single Membership £30.00 p.a.     Couples £35.00 p.a.

Overseas (excl. Europe) subscribers paying in \$ through a non-UK bank:

- Single Membership \$59.00 p.a.     Couples \$66.00 p.a.

Members of the Society may also subscribe to IAH (our sister Society in Europe) and/or The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada at special rates. These are £10.00 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 £10.00 p.a.)     HSUSC (an additional £20.00p.a.)

**Method of Payment (please tick as appropriate):**

- I enclose my cheque for £.....  
(cheques payable to 'The Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland')

- I wish to pay by Bankers Order (fill in top of adjacent form)

If you pay UK income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax the Society would reclaim on your subscription, you can authorise The Hymn Society to reclaim it from the Inland Revenue via Gift Aid. This increases the value of your contribution at no extra cost to you.

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Sort Code: 30-92-75 for the credit of The Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland, Account No. 00129621 the sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ (in figures)

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