



# Haydn's Seven Last Words

**Boyton Church - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 marks the 290<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Joseph Haydn and we are delighted to let you know that a special performance of the great composer's work - **Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross** - will be performed in Boyton Church on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. The concert will recreate Haydn's original plan by interspersing the music with readings of classic and contemporary poetry, including works by **Shakespeare, Emily Dickinson, Mary Oliver, and Philip Larkin.**

Performed by the celebrated **Bridge Quartet**, whose first violinist Robert Gibbs is leader of the orchestra of the Birmingham Royal Ballet, English Philharmonia and London Festival Orchestra, the concert will include poetry readings by the actor **Christopher Kent**. Haydn's **Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross** was originally commissioned by the Bishop of Cadiz in 1786 for the Good Friday Service at the Oratorio de la Santa Cueva. The Bridge Quartet programme was performed to acclaim in London during Easter 2019 and this will be its first performance outside London and we are thrilled that it is happening in the Wylde Valley.

Boyton Church is one of the most outstanding churches in the whole of Salisbury Diocese. Famous for its remarkable late 13<sup>th</sup> century Gifford chantry chapel and its stained and coloured glass windows dating from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, the church is bursting with historic interest and provides an appropriately intimate setting for the concert. The concert will begin at **7pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April** and will run for 75 minutes with no break. Tickets are priced at £15, or £10 for choir seats, to include a glass of wine and are likely to sell out fast and **we urge you to respond promptly to guarantee your seats.** To book please contact William Mitchell by [boyton7lw@gmail.com](mailto:boyton7lw@gmail.com) detailing the number of seats required and whether £15 or £10 tickets. Please note that this is a **not for profit event** with all proceeds being donated to Boyton Church.

We do hope you will be able to join us.

**William Mitchell & Sue Hall**