

HAYDN ANNIVERSARY CONCERT IN BOYTON CHURCH

March 2022 marks the 290th anniversary of the birth of Joseph Haydn and 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 1st April. Performed by the celebrated **Bridge Quartet**, whose first violinist Colin Twigg is sub-principal of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, the concert will include poetry readings by the actor **Christopher Kent**. Some readers may remember the moving recital of poems and piano music from the First World War - **Never Such Innocence** - which Christopher brought to Sutton Veny in 2018 as part of the Somme 100 commemorations.

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**. The Bridge Quartet programme was performed to acclaim in London during Easter 2019 and revived for a memorable live-streamed lockdown performance on Good Friday 2021. This will be its first performance outside London.

The concert will begin at **7pm on Friday 1st April** and will run for 75 minutes with no break. Given the intimate setting, tickets (priced at £15 or £10 for choir seats, to include a glass of wine) are likely to sell out fast and we urge readers to respond promptly to guarantee seats.

To place an order, please contact William Mitchell by email (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.