



St Michael & All Angels presents

THE BEDFORD PARK FESTIVAL

6-22 JUNE 2025

Celebrating 150 years
of Bedford Park



GREEN DAYS
SATURDAY 7 JUNE AND
SUNDAY 8 JUNE 2025

The Fortnight includes

Art, Music, Performance, Poetry, Theatre,
Chess Tournament, Children's Events, Talks and
Walks, Open Gardens, Competitions, Church
Services, Green Days Fete and Craft Fair

To book, scan the QR code or visit
www.bedfordparkfestival.org
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GREEN DAYS FETE AND CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY 7 JUNE: 11am-6pm

SUNDAY 8 JUNE: 11.30am-5.30pm

On Acton Green opposite
Turnham Green tube station

BANDSTAND PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 7 JUNE

11am / Festival Opening by Al Murray
Fancy Dress Parade
Theme: Chess (meet at 10.30am in Parish Hall)

11.30am / ArtsEd Students

12.45pm / Orchard House School

1.30pm / Zoku Bellydancing

2pm / The Tabard presents... well known
performers from the pub over the road

3.15pm / Zoku Bellydancing

3.30pm / Ballet 4 Life

4.30pm - 6pm / Bats of Ealing

SUNDAY 8 JUNE

10.30am / Mass on the Green
Preacher: Fr Kevin Morris, vicar of
St Michael & All Angels

11.30am / Chiswick Scottish Dance Group

12.30pm / Rock Choir Chiswick

1pm / Stagecoach Chiswick

2pm - 5pm / The Basement Door Bands

See full details of performers at
www.bedfordparkfestival.org

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Friday 6 June



Celebrity Organ Recital Jonathan Scott

'The leading British
organist' (BBC Radio 3),
Jonathan Scott gives a
Celebrity Recital designed
to show the full colours
and resources of the organ
of St. Michael's, including

Jonathan's own arrangements of great orchestral works
from Bach, Vivaldi and Mozart.

12.30pm St Michael & All Angels Church.
Retiring collection.

Preview Party for The Bedford Park Summer Exhibition and Photographic Exhibition

Be the first to see the Summer Exhibition and Photographic
Exhibition at the Festival's opening party. Bar available.
Canapes generously donated by Trufflehound Catering.
6.45-9pm St Michael & All Angels Church. All welcome.
No charge for entry.

Friday 6 June - Saturday 21 June

"Red Peppers" by Noel Coward and "Aged in Wood" by Cian Griffin

"Red Peppers" (1936) is Noel Coward's celebrated comic
one-act play. "Aged in Wood" is set in the same theatre
dressing room in the present day. The world premiere
of Cian Griffin's play uses the same cast of six, playing
different parts.

7.30pm Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 2pm and 6pm
Saturdays. Theatre at the Tabard. Tickets £23.50/£19.50
concessions. Booking via <https://tabard.org.uk>.

Saturday 7 June - Sunday 8 June



Green Days Fete & Craft Fair

Including bands, dancers,
children's corner, funfair,
stalls, Cycle and Electric
Vehicle Zones, food,
drink, charity stalls and
crafts. See Bandstand
programme (left).

Saturday 11am-6pm, Sunday 11.30am- 5.30pm on
Acton Green opposite St Michael & All Angels Church.
All welcome. Entry free

Saturday 7 June - Friday 13 June



Bedford Park Summer Exhibition and Photographic Exhibition

Over 100 works of art by
local artists of all ages.
A third of the proceeds
of paintings sold go to
the Festival's charities.
Plus images by local

photographers, with a chance to vote for the best pictures.
See The Chiswick Calendar website for details. All welcome.
12noon-6pm. St Michael & All Angels Church. Entry free

THE 59TH BEDFORD PARK FESTIVAL



The Bedford Park Festival (including its
opening Green Days weekend) is one of
London's best-loved arts and community
events, attracting thousands of people of all
ages. It involves many local artists, musicians
and performers, professional and amateur
with something for everyone and people
of all ages - art, crafts, photography, music,
poetry, talks, theatre, walks and children's and community events.

The Festival was established in 1967 by St Michael & All Angels
Church, with the support of the Bedford Park Society, to celebrate
the arts, raise money for repairs to the church and foster a spirit of
friendliness and community. Its first patron, the poet and heritage
campaigner John Betjeman described Bedford Park as 'the most
significant suburb built in the last century, probably the most
significant in the Western world'. That first Festival helped save 356
Arts & Crafts houses from the threat of demolition by developers,
and Bedford Park is now part of two conservation areas.

Nearly 60 years on - and 150 years after Bedford Park was
created - the Festival is true to the spirit in which it was
established. It raises money for St Michael & All Angels Church
and its chosen charities: The Upper Room, which provides food,
counselling and essential support to homeless people and ex-
offenders in our community; Crosslight Chiswick which provides
face to face debt advice together with money education and
budgeting support to individuals and families in need; the McCabe
Educational Trust (MET) which supports a range of projects in the
Holy Land, including a school for the blind, an orphanage and the
Princess Basma Hospital in Jerusalem; and the St Michael & All
Angels Trust which gives grants to further the church's religious
and pastoral work and supports the maintenance of the buildings.

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the Win-a-Meal raffle and those donating prizes for the High Roller
Tombola, listed on the website.

St Michael & All Angels, Bath Road, London W4 1TX

Monday 9 June



Braitham Kannah-Mason and Plinio Fernandez
Violinist Braimah is a member of the Kanneh-Mason Piano Trio and Cultural Ambassador to Antigua and Barbuda for Music in Secondary Schools Trust. Classic FM Rising Star guitarist Plinio’s recent Decca release explores Bach’s influence on Brazilian music. This dynamic duo performs Piazzolla, Paganini and Villa-Lobos. Sponsored by Pladis of Chiswick Park, “Widening access to great live music at the Bedford Park Festival.”
7pm, St Michael & All Angels Church, £20, FREE for under 18s and £5 for under 25s.

Tuesday 10 June



All you need to know about Opera in 60 minutes with Sarah Lenton
Opera is a glorious but disconcerting artform and this lecture unpacks some of its oddities – the huge voices, melodramatic acting, and some bizarre plots. Sarah Lenton of BBC Radio 3 has worked for the Royal Opera House for over 30 years: her talk is based on a lifetime’s experience.
7.30pm, Theatre at the Tabard, 2 Bath Rd, W4 1LW. £15

Wednesday 11 June

Jonny Mansfield and Gwilym Simcock
Award-winning vibraphonist Jonny and acclaimed pianist Gwilym present an evening of boundary-pushing improvisation and interplay. Blending contemporary jazz with classical influences, the duo explores original compositions alongside reworkings of existing material. Sponsored by Pladis, “Widening access to great live music at the Bedford Park Festival.”
7pm, St Michael & All Angels Church, £20, FREE for under 18s and £5 to under 25s.

Thursday 12 June



Music for the community with Poppy McGhee
Royal Academy of Music student and ambassador for the Benedetti Foundation, Poppy is a passionate supporter of music for all. She leads three informal concerts for young and old, with students from the Royal Academy of Music. See full details on the Festival website. Sponsored by Pladis, “Widening access to great live music at the Bedford Park Festival.” **12.10pm ‘In the Moment’, 4.15pm ‘Cushion Concert’ and 5.30pm ‘Come and Play Festival’, St Michael & All Angels Church, varied ticket prices, see website.**

Thursday 12 June



Yeats Birthday Poetry Evening: Night & light & the half-light: with special guest Christopher Reid
...plus guest poets, hosted by Anne-Marie Fyfe & Cahal Dallat
The young Yeats, in Bedford Park, wrote of golden & silver light, of night & light & the half-light. Join us for poems of shadow, shade and every kind of light & dark, introduced by Anne-Marie Fyfe with former Faber poetry editor Christopher Reid, editor of The Letters of Seamus Heaney & publisher of 18 poetry collections. Bring your own light, night or twilight poem (max. 25 lines) for a chance to read!
8pm, St Michael & All Angels Church. Entry £10. Drinks on lawn by #EnwroughtLight artwork from 7:30pm.

Friday 13 June

Rob Burton and Mark Rogers
Saxophonist and artist Rob was a Classic FM 2024 Rising Star and BBC Young Musician finalist, and is a soloist with major UK orchestras. Expect anything from Debussy to Bach to Turnage from Rob and award-winning pianist Mark Rogers. Drinks available from 6.15pm + a chance to enjoy the Summer Exhibition and music from local rising stars. : Sponsored by Pladis, “widening access to great music.”
7pm, St Michael & All Angels Church, £20, FREE for under 18s and £5 to under 25s.

Friday 13 June - Sunday 15 June

Artists at Home
Dozens of artists and craftworkers open their home-based studios across Chiswick, Hammersmith and Shepherd’s Bush. Meet the artists, buy, commission or simply browse.
Fri 6-9pm, Sat & Sun 11am-6pm. Admission free.

Saturday 14 June

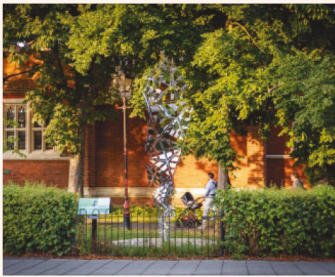


An Evening with Marti Webb
Marti celebrates her extraordinary career as Queen of the Musicals with songs she has helped make famous. From starring opposite Tommy Steele in *Half a Sixpence* and three UK top ten hits (two from *Tell me on Sunday*, the one-woman show written for her by Andrew Lloyd Webber) to Nancy in *Oliver* and Grizabella in *Cats*, Marti is one of Britain’s leading musical stars, hailed by the Musical Theatre Review as a ‘genuine showbiz legend.’
7pm with interval, St Michael & All Angels Church, £20

Sunday 15 June

Parish Mass and Young St Michael’s
Preacher: Father Brandon Fletcher. Join us for our traditional Sunday morning service, plus Young St Michael’s groups - youth church, children’s church and crèche. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome.
10am, St Michael & All Angels Church

Sunday 15 June



Land of Heart’s Desire: WB Yeats Literary Walk
Join Irish poet, Cahal Dallat, founder of the WB Yeats Bedford Park Artwork Project, on a stroll round the young Yeats’s favourite haunts via Kelmscott House to bohemian Bedford Park. Taking in talk, en route, of Camille Pissarro, Daniel O’Connell, William & May Morris, Sergius Stepniak, Florence Farr, George Bernard Shaw, WE Henley, Jack B Yeats & the Yeats sisters, Lily & Lolly, plus actors, anarchists, occultists, & much more. Limited places.
2.30-5pm, Starts at Ravenscourt Park Tube, £24 - ends at #EnwroughtLight artwork by Turnham Green Tube Station



St Michael’s Choristers
A short choral and instrumental concert performed by The Choristers, showcasing young musicians at all stages of their development.
4.30pm, St Michael & All Angels Church, £8

Monday 16 June



When Cadbury met Pears in Bedford Park
In ‘Chocolate Wars’, historian Deborah Cadbury told the story of her family firm. Fellow Bedford Park resident Andrew Pears is writing his soap family’s history. They share fascinating stories and images of these much-loved brands with Torin Douglas of the Chiswick Book Festival.
7.30pm, St Michael & All Angels Church, £15

Wednesday 18 June



David Juritz, Mark Viner and friends
Mozart at his most poignant, a virtuoso Saint-Saëns trio and Schumann’s lyrical piano quartet played by four acclaimed musicians: David Juritz violin; Yuri Zhislin viola; Adrian Bradbury cello; Mark Viner piano. See programme on website.
7.30pm, St Michael & All Angels Church, £20

Thursday 19 June

Corpus Christi Choral Mass
Preacher Rt Reverend Graeme Knowles.
7.30pm, St Michael & All Angels Church

Friday 20 June



The Victorian Society and Bedford Park: Open House
John Betjeman, the Festival’s first patron, co-founded The Victorian Society and helped Tom Greeves win ‘the Battle of Bedford Park’ saving it from destruction. Celebrate their legacy with talks and an exhibition of Eleanor Greeves’s tiles and mugs.
7pm, 1 Priory Gardens, Chiswick, W4 1TT, £15

Saturday 21 June



Children’s Chess Tournament
Held in loving memory of Peter Antram, passionate chess player and supporter of St Peter’s Children’s Chess Club. 11am to 4pm, with under-11 and under-9 sections. Every child will play in every round. It is NOT a knockout event.
11am, Michael Room, St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £15. Advance booking only via: <https://www.stpetersactongreen.co.uk>

The Bedford Park Walk
A two-hour guided walk to see the architectural highlights of Bedford Park and hear about the artistic life and colourful characters of its community. Led by Dr Pamela Bickley and architect John Scott.
2.30-4.30pm. Meet at St Michael & All Angels Church. £10

Festival Film Evening: Maurice
From the novel by Chiswick’s EM Forster, the Merchant-Ivory film tells of the repression of homosexual feelings against a backdrop of a stifling Edwardian England. Featuring James Wilby, Hugh Grant, Rupert Graves, Ben Kingsley and Simon Callow. Plus locally filmed interview with director James Ivory.
6pm, The Chiswick Cinema, 94–96 Chiswick High Road, W4 1SH. £12

Sunday 22 June

Festival Mass, celebrating 150 years of Bedford Park
Preacher: Father Kevin Morris, with the Bedford Park Festival Orchestra & Chorus. Director of Music: Jonathan Dodds. Setting: Beethoven in C Major Op86.
10am, St Michael & All Angels Church

Festival Mass Lunch
12.30-2.30pm, £10, £5 for under-12s, The Vicarage Garden.



Open Gardens
Enjoy some of the most beautiful and inspiring gardens in Bedford Park. Pick up the map and a label at the Parish Hall. **2-6pm, St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall. £10. Cream Teas are available from 3pm.**