



## WGMA Autumn Singing Weekend

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>  
October 2022

**Grove Street Methodist Church & Room  
Union Street, Retford DN22 6BL**



WGMA's late autumn singing weekend is to take place in the historic Nottinghamshire market town of Retford which has held a Royal Charter since the mid-13th century. The town has strong links to the Mayflower Pilgrims, a group fleeing persecution firstly to the Netherlands then joining other non-conformists to sail to the New World.

The town prospered in the 18th and 19th centuries with the coming of the Great North Road, the Chesterfield Canal and later the railway.

Retford has many fine Georgian and Victorian buildings and a heritage trail allows visitors to explore places of historic interest throughout the town.

Our Singing Weekend will be based around music of the East Midlands and Paul Guppy's Chartist Hymn Book culminating in a Sunday Afternoon sing in the refurbished church, to which members of the local community will be invited to experience West Gallery Music. Further details in next Newsletter.

Lunch and Tea & Coffee will be provided on both days leaving everyone free to sample the delights of Retford's cafes, pubs and restaurants for evening meals. Accommodation can be found around the town to suit everyone's needs – this needs to be booked independently by attendees.

The WGMA is supporting the Singing Weekend by covering the cost of the hire of the facilities leaving attendees to pay: **1 day £25 & both days £40**. The WGMA has a discretionary Attendance Grant fund to which members can apply for support to attend events such as this. Details are on the WGMA website.

A booking form is included, or as an email attachment, with this Newsletter and also available from the WGMA Website.

Any questions? Ask Heather Flockton. Contact details are in the Directory