

# The Highworth Passion Play

## THE Easter story as you've never heard it or seen it before!

The Easter story is one of intrigue, deception, injustice, death and eventually triumph. On Good Friday the community of Highworth will come together to present the story in a different and exciting way. From 8p.m. on 21 March the centre of Highworth will be the setting for a contemporary retelling of the Easter story using a mix of music, drama, film and fireworks.

Come and find out how music from the Kaiser Chiefs, U2, Coldplay, Queen, Handel and Andrew Lloyd Webber is used to bring a fresh new perspective to a story that has come down to us over two millennia and still captivates people today.

## Who's involved?

The Highworth Passion will be 75 minutes long, but it's the culmination of 18 months planning and rehearsals. This community event will involve the participation of nearly 200 people from across Highworth and nearby towns in such varied roles as singers, musicians, actors, technicians and stewards.

## What time does the Passion start?

The main Passion event will start at 8pm, but warm-up acts will be playing on the Main Stage in Highworth's Market Place from 7pm. Please make sure that you arrive in good time and follow directions given by the stewards.

## Where can I see the action?

The Main Stage will be in the Market Place, but action will also take place around the centre of Highworth and this will be filmed live and relayed to screens in the Market Place and the United Reformed Church.

Highworth's High Street, Sheep Street, Market Place and Vicarage Lane will be a pedestrians-only zone (save for emergency and permitted vehicle access) from 10am to 12 Midnight.

Seating will not be provided for the audience in the Market Place, but there will be reserved areas for disabled visitors and those with younger children. Please come warmly wrapped up!

Undercover, seated accommodation will be available in the United Reformed Church (URC) by ticket only. Free tickets for the URC will be available from Saturday 8th March on a first-come, first-served basis from The Lighthouse Bookshop in Highworth (a maximum of three tickets per caller). Use of the URC is encouraged for those who would find standing outside for 75 minutes to be difficult.

The fireworks will be set off from a stewarded area of the town close to the centre to which the public will not be admitted – but the fireworks should be visible in the High Street and Market Place!

## How much does it cost to watch?

There's no entry charge!

## What happens if it rains?

The show will go on – although if it is too windy the fireworks may be cancelled. Wear something warm and waterproof!