

THE PASSION OF CHRIST Easter 2013

Soul by the Sea, who brought the Passion of Christ to Brighton's seafront, would like to invite you to take in this moving production at our new location over the Easter weekend 2013.

Friday 29th March, 2:00pm -
Opened by Deputy Mayor,
Ann Meadows

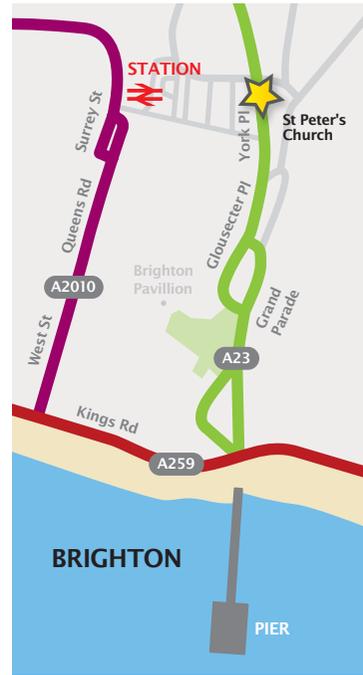
Saturday 30th March, 2:00pm -
Opened by Bishop of Chichester,
Dr Martin Warner

Sunday 31st March, 2:00pm -
Opened by Pastor of City Gate
Church, Andy Au

Refreshments available to buy

For more information about the Event,
Volunteer Opportunities or How to Donate
Please visit us at www.soulbythesea.info or
call 0800 740 8254

A proportion of funds raised for the
Passion of Christ will be donated to
Off The Fence, a Brighton charity
committed to making a difference in
the lives of some of the most vulnerable
people in our community.



*Whilst on site,
children must be
accompanied by
adults. No Glass
or Alcohol. Soul
by the Sea reserve
the right to refuse
admission.*

*The site is
wheelchair
accessible.*



SOUL BY THE SEA

Reliving Jesus' Story Together

Soul by the Sea presents

THE PASSION OF CHRIST Easter 2013

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FREE ENTRY

**Friday 29th –
Sunday 31st
March 2013**

2:00pm daily

St Peter's
Church,
York Place,
Brighton,
BN1 4GU

THE PASSION OF CHRIST

The Passion of Christ is a moving portrayal, faithful to the original scripture, of the days leading up to Jesus' arrest, death and resurrection. This year's production highlights Jesus' role as a teacher and shows the remarkable methods he used to guide his unlikely students in preparation for their ultimate commission to bring the world into the light.

The cast are volunteers from the local community that comprise a mixture of backgrounds, denominations and nationalities, and the majority have no previous acting experience. For the past two years, the cast have comprised a mixture of unemployed and underprivileged backgrounds; students; pensioners, and in one or two cases, special needs and ex prisoners. It is in the journey to deliver the event that new skills and untapped talent is unearthed. We regularly find it is a life changing experience both educationally and in developing cast and crew's self-confidence.

Creative Director, James Burke-Dunsmore, has played the role of Jesus in Brighton's Passion of Christ production for the last 2 years. This year James has handed over the challenging role to Matthew Howell, a talented young professional actor, chosen from dozens of gifted applicants.

The Passion of Christ is part of the charity The Passion Trust. To put on this free production Soul by the Sea relies solely upon donations from individuals, churches, businesses and organisations. A proportion of funds raised are donated to Off The Fence, a local charity committed to making a difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in our community.

Creative Director - James Burke-Dunsmore

James Burke-Dunsmore has worked in professional theatre for 16 years. He has directed more than 20 plays and written and directed 11 scripts. Along with his involvement with the world famous Wintershall plays, and his position as Artistic Director for Leicester's Christ in the Centre and Brighton's Soul by the Sea Festival, he has over the last 14 years portrayed the part of Jesus Christ on film, TV, stage and radio. In 2011 he was a joint recipient of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, awarded to The Wintershall Players.



Assistant Creative Director - Emily Swain

Emily returned to professional theatre three years ago, having worked for the last 12 years in the charitable and corporate sectors. She has since worked in the West End, and as a director in her own right. Emily has recently appeared in three short films, and worked as first Assistant Director on a low-budget feature.

Jesus - Matthew Howell

Matthew graduated from Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts in 2012. Credits to date include Joe in Dirty Blood at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival; Percy Mortimer and Lord Walsingham in The Raintons of Forty Hall and Terrance in Second Skin Theatre companies The Christmas dinner.

Cast

- Jesus - Matthew Howell
- Joseph, Local 3 - Lloyd Cummins
- Mary, Possessed Boy, Rich Man - Anna Muten
- John the Baptist and Pharisee 1 - Daniel Silve
- Mary Magdalene, Father, Local 5 - Camilla Simpson
- Pontius Pilate - James Sageman
- Judas Iscariot, Tempter 1 - Noel Kashif
- John - Arshia Shafiei
- James, Joseph of Arimathea - Dave Culver
- Simon, Peter - Geoffrey Huber
- Joseph Caiaphas - Jeanie Civil
- Simon the Zealot, Trader 2 - Katy Mattman
- Robber 1 - Tom Junjie Shen
- Matthew, Trader 1, Robber 2 - Nemo Abram
- Simeon, Jewish Captain - Nader Butrous
- Philip, Local 1 - Kristina Obeid
- Thomas, Roman Soldier 3 - Richard Connolly
- Salome, Local 2, Witness 2 - Kelly Cottingham
- James Alphaeus, Zacchaeus - Wesley Goh
- Zechariah, Centurion - Trevor Muten
- Andrew, Roman Soldier 1 - Clare Moss
- Roman Soldier 2, Trader 3 - Mike Cooper
- Thaddeus, Bleeding Woman - Becky Garside
- Nicodemus - David Rees
- Mary of James, Witness 1 - Elena Peruzzo
- Bartholomew - Juri Budzovsky
- Elizabeth, Tempter 3, Sadducee 1 - Maggie Beech
- Anna, Sadducee 2 - Margie Fforde
- Mary of Cleopas, Tempter 2, Adulterous Woman, Jewish Servant Girl - Sara Moosavi
- Pilate's Servant 1 - Angelina Wadi
- Pilate's Servant 2 - Joanna Wadi
- Pharisee 2 - Ann Townsend
- Scribe 1, Local 4 - Jacalyn Oghan
- Scribe 2 - Jean Forster
- Local 4.5, Jewish Guard 2 - Bishoy Arnoux
- Jewish Guard 1 - Laurence Burton
- Jewish Guard 3 - Ruben Casas
- Jesus (child) - Grace Oghan
- John Baptist (child) - Silan Oghan

Crowd:
Vironya Ibrahim, Colleen Hurd, Ruben Casas, Sue Adams



'The use of drama has so many benefits, and it is very good to see this applied imaginatively to the work of the Soul by the Sea team. Their efforts this year, which help support those that are vulnerable, will ensure the Brighton community are able to understand, and be a part of, the original Easter story.'

BISHOP MARTIN OF CHICHESTER

'I am delighted the Passion of Christ is returning to Brighton this Easter. With a mixture of theatre and faith, and a volunteer cast from our local community, the production is accessible to all. Produced by Soul by the Sea, it is an exciting project to see taking place in Brighton this year.'

ANNE MEADOWS

DEPUTY MAYOR OF BRIGHTON & HOVE

'The Passion Play presents a great chance for residents of Brighton & Hove to witness the Easter story live in our home city. The suffering and triumph portrayed in this moving production speaks to everyone, regardless of their background or beliefs. The work of everybody involved is inspiring. I hope that as many people as possible will come along and get involved in this amazing spectacle.'

MIKE WEATHERLY

MP FOR HOVE & PORTSLADE

'The Brighton production of the Passion of Christ is for people of all faiths and walks of life. The creative way the Easter story is retold fits in perfectly with our Brighton culture, which is rich in theatre, arts and music. It is an inspiring production to be a part of and I really hope the event builds year on year.'

ANDY AU

PASTOR AT CITY GATE CHURCH AND FOUNDER OF MOVEMENT
IN WORSHIP

Chairman: Jon Bebb

Administrator: Donna Evenson

Head of Fundraising: Alex Stewart-Clark

Technical Director: Edward Stoker

PR and Marketing: Sarah Gartside

Treasurer: Nader Butrous

Webmaster: Stephen Holdstock

Churches Liaison: Gordon Banks

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Soul by the Sea are a Sussex based team dedicated to building the Brighton community cross culturally and through a wide spread of denominations. Their aim is to bring the life and teachings of Jesus Christ to the Sussex Coast through creative expression.

The team are a mixture of professionals from a wide variety of industries, and although they are based in Brighton, their message is nationwide.

Soul by the Sea began in April 2006 at the Dome in Brighton, where they hosted an evening of Christian art and music. Even in their infancy, they realised there was a call for this, so revisited it again in January 2008. Wanting to reach more of the community, in the Summer of 2010 they took the festival outside onto Brighton's seafront. With hundreds attending and their excitement growing, the team decided to host the first open-air performance of the Passion of Christ, next to Brighton's historic West Pier in Easter 2011.

Now an annual Easter event, in 2012 they held the weekend on Madeira Drive and dedicated it to family entertainment and music, culminating on Easter Sunday with the Passion of Christ.

In 2013, the Passion of Christ is back, bigger than ever and focusing on an Easter weekend entirely devoted to the production.