

Towards 2015 – The Lewes Passion

'A focus group to facilitate and develop Lewes Passion Play 2015 and thereby extend Christian unity through artistic and social activities within the wider community'

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View from the 2010 Passion Play Director..... This Easter did not pass without many people making comment about last Easter and the incredible memories they had of the Lewes Passion Play whether they were one of the throng of people involved in the performance, or in the audience. Having an Open afternoon viewing the DVD in Easter week enabled some people who missed the experience to get a flavour of what it was like. What came from this was an agreed need and desire to build on the success and start planning for the next one in 2015. Twenty of us from different churches also went by coach to see how the City of Southampton did things, and it was certainly different to ours – bigger, contemporary, all on one evening and highly technical. We shall be starting to consider the artistic dimension of the next Lewes play soon after we have secured our charity status; be ready to have your say. Meanwhile enjoy some social fellowship with our Summer barn dance on June 25th, further details below; we very much look forward to seeing you there.

Feed back from Southampton Passion Play Trip.....

"This was a very contemporary production, with the events of Holy Week compressed into 2 hours. However, acknowledging that the Easter story is not necessarily familiar to present day audiences, a contemporary style has big advantages. I was surprised that the play was so powerful, despite the modern interpretation."

'Very moving and just shows that the fundamental truths can be portrayed in any cultural setting. The message shines through the external trappings and can be presented in the context of any time or place.'

'I really enjoyed the Passion Play in Southampton. Yes it was different to Lewes, but then it was city wide play, next to a university, with lots of younger people. Lewes is a tourist town and people often come and stay for weekends, so good to have the Passion play over a few days.'



'Southampton's Passion play was different to ours, but I liked the fact that ours was broken down into 4 days and sessions and part of passion week. It gave us time to think, feel and to travel'.

I admire anyone who has the courage to turn a vision into a reality.... Parts of it were brilliantly conceived and executed... I thought the struggle of Jesus in the Garden was powerfully and creatively portrayed, and also thought the reminiscing at the 'last supper' was rather lovely..... but I think our scripts were better!

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Barn Dance Saturday June 25th 2011



7.30pm
St John's Sub Castro Church Hall,
Talbot Terrace, Lewes
Adult: £7.50 Child: £5 Family (2+2): £20
Including Ploughman's Supper
(Bar Available)

Higham Choral Group
From Bach to the Beatles
Choral Music spanning 5 centuries
Saturday 28th May 7.30pm
Southover Church. Tickets £10
Raising funds in aid of
Rainwater projects in Rwanda

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