

Solo Piano Recital by Sally Halsey
5th January 2014 3pm
St Catherine's Church, Ventnor, Isle of Wight

Local pianist, Sally Halsey, is returning to St. Catherine's Church, Ventnor, on Sunday 5th January 2014 at 3pm to welcome in the New Year with some inspiring music. This, her debut solo recital, will be an opportunity to explore some wonderful works of the mainstream piano repertoire, from Scriabin, Beethoven, Mendelssohn and Brahms and to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Sally, originally from Bonchurch, is currently studying piano with Gabriele Baldocci in London at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance. She is finding she is much in demand to work with instrumentalists and singers, so is really looking forward to this solo opportunity. With a passion for chamber music and collaboration work, Sally has recently been Musical Director and Repetiteur for a shortened version of the opera Carmen. Sally regularly performs in a cello and piano duo, the Manfredini Duo, with young scottish cellist Megan Rolf, with whom she last performed at St. Catherine's.

We all know people who have been affected by cancer, and have heard, if not experienced, how Macmillan Cancer Support provides a lifeline when it is most needed. As well as helping with the medical needs of people affected by cancer, Macmillan also looks at the social, emotional and practical impact cancer can have, to both patients and their families and campaigns for better cancer care. Macmillan Cancer Support's goal is to reach and improve the lives of everyone living with cancer in the UK.

In the recital, Sally will be performing an interesting programme of a beautiful Prelude and Nocturne for Left Hand by Scriabin, the luxuriant Rhapsody in G minor Op 79 no. 2 by Brahms, the popular and wonderfully tuneful Rondo Capriccioso by Mendelssohn, and Sonata Op 110 in A-flat major by Beethoven. This last piece is one of his final works, and Beethoven knew that he was ill and thought he was dying. This work takes you through an incredible journey of sorrow and grief, but ends with a positive and hopeful outlook.

Everyone is welcome to the afternoon concert and refreshments will be served after the music at 4pm. There will be a retiring collection for Macmillan Cancer Support. For more information please get in touch with Sally at info@sallyhalsey.com or call (01983) 852201.