

Hosting A ‘Sound of Musings Live!’

Many thanks for offering to host/ your interest in hosting **Sound of Musings Live!**
I trust the following will help you plan and prepare.

Aim

To support your church’s ongoing mission and ministry by offering an accessible event to which you can invite people to discover more about the love of God.

A note about copyright

- Because the event is themed around the book **The Sound of Musings**, which is inspired by *The Sound of Music* we are careful to not breach copyright. The publishers and I have been keeping in ‘fair usage’ guidelines and by following these suggestions, your event won’t breach any copyright connected to The Sound of Music.
- Please read ‘*Do I need a Licence to watch/sing The Sound of Music?*’
- The event needs to be free of charge to comply with copyright.

Practicalities

Venue

- I will bring a ‘pull up banner’, as well as a ‘free standing twirling figure’.
- I’d like a lectern (or similar) with a table please.
- We’ll need another table to display books etc.
- I will bring a card reader for any purchases.

Audio- Visual.

- If you have a sound system, please ensure someone is able to operate it and cope with any technical glitches.
- If you have screen(s), I can show film clips, please ensure someone is able to operate it.
- And/or, can anyone musical lead a little ‘impromptu’ singalong?

Refreshments

Keep them simple and themed.

I suggest ‘Tea, with Jam and Bread’ and/or ‘Crisp Apple Strudel’, which is usually available in frozen food sections of supermarkets like Lidl/Aldi.

Provide gluten-free bread and remember not everyone likes buttered bread.

You might offer a cold drink alternative to tea.

Refreshments like this are simple to scale up if you get more people than anticipated.

Costs

I’d be grateful for travel expenses or whatever you feel is appropriate.

The Event

The event lasts approx 90 minutes but can be adapted to suit your context. It will include *The Sound of Music* trivia and quiz. Talking about writing the book, personal anecdotes, excerpts and relevant film clips/songs with an opportunity to singalong. The chapters are all biblically rooted and I’ll be linking the film to faith and ‘life in all its fullness’- mindful of your audience.

At the end, I am willing to pray with anyone, and if you have a prayer ministry team that would be good too. There'll be opportunities for questions and a chance for people to mix and mingle with refreshments.

Publicity

This is an 'outreach event' so be bold and invite as many as you can! Invite those in your church family and those on the fringes, (within GDPR!) Eg. Baptism families; wedding couples; school parents/staff; those on your mailing lists. Friends, neighbours and family of church members; previous Alpha course attenders. Your parish linked schools may be willing to circulate it on parent emails.

Can you make it ecumenical and invite other local churches and ask them to circulate it on their networks?

Advertise on your Social Media and link it to mine @bryonywoodwrites on Facebook and Instagram.

Let local musical societies/community choirs know, because **The Sound of Musings** theme may pique wider interest while not hiding the fact it's a faith-based event.

I strongly suggest you use my free downloadable printed publicity, which includes a poster and invitations. **The Sound of Musings** publicity is designed to represent the book's theme without breaching copyright connected to The Sound of Music. You will need to personalise it with your own venue, day/date and time and where/how to get (free) tickets/more information etc

Here is some suggested text for your church newsletters/notice sheets

You are invited to
'The Sound of Musings Live!'

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DATE..... TIME.....

Join us to be entertained and encouraged as author Bryony Wood reads from her book and shares stories from her own life. Be inspired by the adventures of the flibbertigibbet, nun-turned-governess as she discovers the life she was born to live. Make a moment to muse upon questions of life, love and faith. It's honest, quirky, and quite a lot of fun... themed refreshments will be served...

To reserve your (free) ticket contact.....and why not bring a friend!

'Bryony writes with humour and warmth as well as insight. You'll never be able to watch singing nuns in quite the same way.'

Revd Kate Bottley Broadcaster and Anglican Priest