



SIDMOUTH
INTERNATIONAL
JAZZ & BLUES
FESTIVAL 2025



THREE DAYS OF FREE HIGH – QUALITY, DIVERSE AND FUN EDUCATION EVENTS FOR ALL TO ATTEND

SATURDAY 24 TO MONDAY 26 MAY 2025
SIDMOUTH METHODIST CHURCH

Returning for the 2025 festival we are pleased to present our education programme.

All sessions are FREE, just make sure you book your place to make sure you get in, these events will be popular!

All ages and abilities are welcome to the programme, bring your kids, parents and grandparents – everyone is welcome to join in the groove!

Whether you are an accomplished musician, super star in the making, or just starting out in music then we do hope that you will join us in Sidmouth, East Devon during the festival.

Come along and learn from the professionals and participate at the various workshops and jam sessions.

All events are at:
Sidmouth Methodist
Church
High Street
Sidmouth
EX10 8LE

SATURDAY 24 MAY

EVEN YOU CAN PLAY THE BLUES

10:30AM – 12:30PM
MAIN CHURCH

Get started with playing the blues and be encouraged whatever level you are and whatever you play! Bring a guitar or harmonica! Drums and keyboards will be available.

It will be supported by a house band of experienced performers to support attendees who wish to participate. This is an inclusive, supportive, and fun model that also ensures a quality experience for all involved.

SINGING FOR THE LIGHTLY TERRIFIED

10.30AM – 12.30PM
REAR CHURCH HALL

Do you love to sing but fear doing it in front of others? Have you always fancied having a go but believe you're simply not good enough?

This workshop is for you and is designed for EVERYONE and ALL abilities, together we will learn some Jazz and Blues Numbers and will be Led by Jess Cunningham.

JAZZ WORKSHOP

2.00PM – 4.00PM
REAR CHURCH HALL

This event is in partnership with Sidmouth Sea Fest and Sea Spot Grass Roots Music programme.

More details to be announced.

BLUES JAM

2.00PM – 4.00PM
MAIN CHURCH

Lead a blues number with the house band from the 'Blues in the Pews Team'n please feel free to bring your instruments!



SUNDAY 25 MAY



BLUES CHURCH SERVICE

10:30AM

MAIN CHURCH

Everyone is welcome! Join the friendly congregation and enjoy a church service with a difference interspersed with blues influences that inspired the gospel roots of the deep South.

FAMILY DJEMBE DRUMMING WORKSHOP

2:00PM – 4:00PM/REAR CHURCH HALL

This extremely popular workshop with James from Drum Devon returns for a second year. Rhythmic fun times for the whole family! Bring your kids, their friends, your friends, your grandmother, uncles & aunts, bring everyone for this fun-filled drumming session. No experience necessary.

JAZZ JAM

2.00PM 4.00PM
MAIN CHURCH

This open curated Jazz Jam is hosted by Devon Music Hub. It will be supported by a house band of experienced performers to support attendees who wish to participate.

This is an inclusive, supportive, and fun model that also ensures a quality experience for all involved. It allows for more experienced participants to shine with a supportive rhythm section and less experienced people to sit in alongside the house band and be guided along.

MONDAY 26 MAY



BLUES JAM

10.30AM - 12.30PM
MAIN CHURCH

SOUTH DEVON YOUTH JAZZ WORKSHOP

10.30AM – 12.30PM
REAR CHURCH HALL

Join us for a 1.5-hour workshop with a 30-minute sharing concert at the end for everyone to enjoy. Suitable for all instrumentalists Grade 3+ ability.

JAZZ COMPOSITION WORKSHOP

2.00PM - 3.00PM
REAR CHURCH HALL

ACOUSTIC & ELECTRIC GUITAR BLUES TECHNIQUES

2.00PM – 3.00PM
MAIN CHURCH

From Slide to Stevie Ray Vaughan, we've got you covered – bring your guitar!

JAZZ TRUMPET WORKSHOP

3:30PM – 4:30PM
REAR CHURCH HALL
With Sam Massey

HISTORY OF THE BLUES

3.30PM – 4.30PM
MAIN CHURCH

**REMEMBER – ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE
BUT PLEASE MAKE SURE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!**

REGISTER FOR YOUR FREE PLACE NOW AT SIDMOUTHJAZZ.COM

Please make a much appreciated donation to enable us to continue to provide free music education Sidmouth Methodist Church is located on the main High Street in the town and parking can be found nearby at the Ham West car park and at Roxburgh car park

EVENT PARTNERS

The festival gratefully acknowledges the invaluable support of our partners that have made our free education programme possible. Sidmouth Town Council, Potburys of Sidmouth and Devon and Torbay music education hubs.

