

Thames Valley Early Music Forum

'Magnificat anima mea Dominum' ~ Magnificats from Tudor England

A workshop for singers directed by

David Allinson

St Mary's Church, Perivale Lane, Perivale

Saturday 12th September 2009 - 10.00 a.m. for 10.30 a.m. until 5.00 p.m.

The music: in Catholic England, composers wrote elaborate Latin-texted settings of the Song of Mary, to be sung as a part of Vespers; after the Reformation, the *Magnificat* in English was paired with the *Nunc dimittis* in Cranmer's service of Anglican evensong. We will sing several settings of the canticle, from before and after the Reformation: from Fayrfax, Taverner or White (in Latin) to Gibbons, Tomkins or Weelkes (in English). The precise programme depends, of course, upon the number and quality of singers coming forward. Men are particularly needed for this repertoire!

David Allinson needs little or no introduction; he has directed workshops for almost every EMF in the UK as well as residential courses in Denmark, Portugal, Italy and Holland. We are very glad to welcome him back. A freelance performer, scholar and teacher based in London, he specialises in the history, context and performance of Renaissance choral music. His workshops are noted for their combination of scholarship, musicianship and good humour! (More at www.davidallinson.com).

The venue: St Mary's Perivale, a small 12th century church dedicated to the Virgin, lies almost hidden by trees just behind the Mylett Arms off the A40 Western Avenue (almost opposite the Hoover Building). There is ample parking by the church lych gate in Perivale Lane and the church is only a short walk from Perival underground station (Central line). The 95, 297 and E5 bus routes pass nearby. For more information visit the website at www.st-marys-perivale.org.uk. Since TVEMF's last visit, the church has had a complete face-lift and refurbishment inside and looks absolutely beautiful!

Coffee and tea will be provided from 10.00 am at the back of the church and lunch will be from about 1 pm to 2 pm. Pub lunches can be obtained nearby and there is a BP filling station only a few minutes' walk away with a "Wild Bean" café which has sandwiches etc.) Hopefully the weather will be fine and those who bring their own food can eat this in the attractive churchyard (also recently improved!).

The cost for the day is £14 for members of TVEMF or any other EMF and £16 for non-members. Participants for this day will be strictly limited so please book early. If you subsequently find you are unable to take part, please advise us **as soon as possible** so that your place can be offered to someone else. You will be advised by phone or e-mail if you are put on a waiting list; otherwise, assume that your application has been accepted. Late cancellations, for whatever reason, received after **September 6th**, if they cannot be replaced from the waiting list, may forfeit the course fee.

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Please make cheques payable to TVEMF and send with the form below as soon as possible to: Nicola Wilson-Smith, 86 Canterbury Road, North Harrow HA1 4PB (n.wilson-smith@ntlworld.com). As numbers are limited selection may have to be made to achieve a balanced group. If you would like a receipt or fuller details of how to get there, please send a SAE or an e-mail.

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