

# Thames Valley Early Music Forum

*'Musica Dei donum' – Music, the divine gift*

A day of Renaissance music about music, directed by David Allinson

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 10.00 for 10:30am until 5.00pm

St John's United Reformed Church, Hallowell Road, Northwood HA6 1DN

Louis Armstrong had it right when he said, 'Music is life itself. What would this world be without good music?'. For this singing day, then, rather than focusing on a particular composer, locale or liturgical theme, we will explore pieces which, even as they are sung, joyfully celebrate the power of music. Exact repertoire depends on numbers signing up, but if sufficient Tenors and Basses come forward, the programme will include: Byrd (*Sing joyfully; Laudibus in sanctis*), Lassus (*Musica Dei donum; In hora ultima*), Monteverdi (*Cantate Domino*) and Wilbye (*Of joys and pleasing pain*).

David has directed numerous workshops in the UK and on the continent, including many TVEMF events. He specialises in the history and performance of Renaissance choral music. Since 2013 he has been Director of Music at Canterbury Christ Church University where he leads the teaching of Performance, schedules public concerts and conducts the Chamber Choir and Chorus; before that he was Teaching Fellow in Music at Bristol University. He sustains a lively freelance career, conducting summer schools, workshops and choirs including the Renaissance Singers (London). David is also Honorary Vice-President of SEMF.

The day will begin with coffee at 10.00 for a 10.30 start. St John's URC is in Hallowell Road and we will be in the church hall. The church does not have its own car park but most street parking is free at weekends. Make sure you park in a free space. You might prefer to use public transport as the church is just a short walk from Northwood Metropolitan Line station.

To enrol please apply by 8<sup>th</sup> May. The fee - £16 for Early Music Forum members and £20 for non-members - may be paid by electronic transfer to TVEMF a/c no. 00691902, s/c 30-94-28. Please give your name as the reference for the transfer, and send your details (see the slip below) by e-mail with the subject "Musica Dei Donum" to Kate Gordon [kategordon1001@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kategordon1001@yahoo.co.uk) with a copy to [treasurer@tvemf.org](mailto:treasurer@tvemf.org). Alternatively send Kate the form, together with a cheque payable to TVEMF, at 4A Castle Road, London NW1 8PP. You should assume that your application has been accepted unless you hear to the contrary. If you find you cannot come, please let us know as soon as possible so your place can be offered to someone else. Late cancellations received after 8th May, except for illness, may forfeit the course fee if they cannot be replaced from the waiting list.

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