

# THAMES VALLEY EARLY MUSIC FORUM

## PALESTRINA WEEKEND FOR SINGERS directed by MICHAEL PROCTER

at ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, KILBURN, LONDON NW6  
Saturday 31 May and Sunday 1 June 2008

This is the annual opportunity to perform in a liturgical setting the ordinaries of a sung Mass in the cathedral-like acoustic of St Augustine's, Kilburn. Michael Procter's workshops at St Augustine's are always hard work but most enjoyable. We are grateful to Father Yates of St Augustine's and his team for the warm welcome they extend to our annual visit. Friends are welcome at the service on Sunday morning.

This year we will look at *Missa Quando lieta serai* by Giovanni Palestrina. Michael writes.....

'Our main work will be Palestrina's *Missa Quando lieta sperai*. The mass is based, like the Andrea Gabrieli setting which we sang in 2005, on the lovely madrigal by Cipriano de Rore. The mass was printed in Palestrina's eleventh book of masses in 1600, one of seven posthumous collections. It is cleffed for SMATBa, so that it belongs to the category of ad aequales scorings, often erroneously translated into 'equal voices'. This edition is a tone lower than the original, giving comfortable ranges for SATBaB, with the baritone divided in the final Agnus Dei. It is one of the many beautiful masses awaiting rediscovery. There are only 90 of them for me still to edit!

The motets are also likely to be selected from those set by Palestrina for this Sunday.

Saturday will start with coffee from 9.15 for a 9.45 start. As well as the usual tea and coffee breaks there will only be a short break for lunch on Saturday so that we can finish at 5.30 when there is a service in the church, so please bring a picnic lunch. There will be no evening rehearsal because we need to make an early start on Sunday - rehearsal at 9 for the 10.30 service. For our usual convivial (but optional) lunch on Sunday we are free to visit any of the several restaurants and pubs, or picnic in the garden. The course will end with tea at about 4 o'clock.

PLEASE BOOK EARLY. Tenors and basses - please don't book at the last minute as this makes it very difficult to know how many sopranos and altos to accept. The cost of the course is £33 for members of TVEMF and other forums, and £35 for others. This includes music, coffee and biscuits and tea and cake on both days, but not lunch. For bookings after May 25<sup>th</sup> (if available) add £3.

The church is in Kilburn Park Road, not far from the end of the A40(M); or near Kilburn Park tube (Bakerloo line); and on the 31 and 328 bus routes. (For a map see [www.streetmap.co.uk](http://www.streetmap.co.uk)). It is an imposing, and grade 1 listed, piece of Victorian architecture; and should be warmish at this time of the year - but bring a sweater just in case!

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