

Thames Valley Early Music Forum

¡Navidad Española!

Victoria's polychoral mass and motet *Laetatus sum* (a12) & seasonal motets
and villancicos by Morales, Victoria, Guerrero.

A workshop for singers and (mainly) wind instrumentalists

with Dr David Allinson

Sunday 9th December 2007, 10am for 10.30 until 5.30pm
at the Drake Hall, Amersham Community Centre, Chiltern Avenue, Amersham, Bucks HP6 5AH

Victoria's magnificent polychoral mass - twelve parts, in three choirs - was published in 1600. It is loosely based upon his own setting of the familiar psalm 122: 'I was glad'. We will perform Advent and Christmas motets by Victoria and his Spanish contemporaries - and one or two Spanish-texted villancicos in popular style, too! This Christmas workshop is for singers, and players of cornett, sackbut, curtal and recorders (not plastic), plus organ and theorbo continuo. Pitch will be A=440.

David Allinson has directed numerous workshops in the UK and abroad (including, in the past year, days for almost every regional British Early Music Forum and residential courses in Denmark, Portugal, Italy and Holland). 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 day will start with coffee at 10.00 am and finish by 5.30 pm. Lunch is likely to be from about 12.30 until 1.45 and, as usual at our Christmas event, will be communal. **You are asked to bring a contribution** - to the first course if your surname starts with I to Z and to the second if it starts with A to H. You may choose to be inspired by our Spanish theme but that isn't essential. Please put perishable contributions in the fridge when you arrive. A glass of wine or juice will be provided, as will bread and butter. Please be prepared to volunteer on the catering front at some time during the day, as there will be lots to do (though the Centre has an excellent dishwasher).

Amersham Community Centre is only a few minutes walk from Amersham Metropolitan Line station. Turn right out of the station and follow the road round past the Health Centre and the library. The Community Centre is on the right almost immediately after the pedestrian crossing, and the hall is in the building on the right at the back of the car park, almost opposite the entrance. There is a good train service to Amersham on the Metropolitan Line from Baker Street and National Rail from Marylebone. The journey takes about 40 minutes, but it is advisable to check for works on the line at weekends. There is parking at the Community Centre and in the library car park. If you search www.streetmap.co.uk for "Chiltern Avenue" and then click on the Amersham address, you will see the Centre clearly marked.

The cost will be £10 for Early Music Forum members, £12 for others. The hall is a large one, but this is likely to be a popular course so please book early to be sure of a place. Maps, receipts and acknowledgements will not be sent out unless requested with a SAE or email address. You can assume you have been accepted unless you hear to the contrary. Please send the attached form before November 23rd to: Victoria Helby, 50 Sheepfold Lane, Amersham HP7 9EJ (01494 721582 not between 4 & 7 on weekdays) secretary@tvemf.org

I would like to come to the Christmas workshop and enclose a cheque (payable to TVEMF) for £

Name:
Address:

Telephone:
e-mail:

Voice/instrument(s):