

Saturday 28th November 2015

St James the Greater 7.30pm

JS Bach B Minor Mass

Soprano - Katie Trethewey

Mezzo-Soprano - Cathy Bell

Tenor - Edward Goater

Baritone - Angus McPhee

with

Bach Camerata

Saturday 5th March 2016

St James the Greater 7.30pm

Rossini Petite Messe Solennelle

Saturday 23rd January 2016

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Come & Sing Day Thomas Tallis Spem in Aium

Saturday 11th June 2016

St James the Greater 7.30pm

Parry Songs of Farewell Dvořák Mass in D Major



Richard Laing
*Music Director
and Conductor*

The 2015/16 season will be Richard's thirteenth with the Leicester Bach Choir. Richard is also Music Director of Nottingham Harmonic Choir, The Midland Sinfonia and Leamington

Chamber Orchestra, Associate Conductor of Chandos Symphony Orchestra, Principal Guest Conductor of Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra, Patron of Operamus, and a frequent guest conductor with Sinfonia Cymru, Sinfonia VIVA, Sinfonia of Birmingham, Hallam Sinfonia and Queen's Park Sinfonia. As a Chorus Master he has prepared choirs for the Hallé, the Rinaldo Consort and the National Children's Orchestra for conductors such as Christian Mandeal and Sir Mark Elder. Richard was the first VIVA Conducting Scholar at Birmingham Conservatoire where he gained his Master's Degree, Postgraduate Diploma in Conducting and the Postgraduate Prize. He has conducted for Kent Opera, Dartington Festival Opera and Birmingham Conservatoire Opera, and has lectured at universities in America and Australia on subjects such as Wagner opera, apocalyptic cinema and the work of M.C. Escher. www.richardlaing.co.uk



Joanne Lunn
President

Joanne performs around the world as a soprano soloist and has this to say about the Leicester Bach Choir.

"The choir is a vibrant, enthusiastic and friendly group who produce good choral music in a demanding schedule of concerts each year...and they

have great fun together. Surely that is what music making is all about."

Reviews

June 2015 *Summer Concert*

'The Lauridsen was beautifully sung, and the Russian pieces had great warmth. It was a well planned programme, the mood ranging from hushed and contemplative to truly exhilarating.'

March 2015

Vaughan Williams, Herbert Howells

'The highlight of the concert was Flos Campi: both soloist and choir were on top form, and the orchestra outstanding. The Howells was both dramatic and very moving.'

November 2014 *Handel - Messiah*

'The combination of the Leicester Bach Choir and Richard Laing once again proved themselves to be a formidable force in the musical life of Leicester, bringing together their own excellent performance with that of a superb sounding ensemble and professional soloists to produce a performance of a high standard which had a real shine to it.'



Tickets available from:

Churchgate Music, 45 Churchgate

Jackie White (0116) 283 2107

Tourist Information Centre, Town Hall Square

Online at - goleicestershire.com

For our November concert tickets must be obtained directly from the Church Office at St James the Greater Church, Leicester.



The Leicester
**Bach
Choir**

We perform a wide range of sacred and secular classical music. We rehearse from 7.30-9.30pm on Wednesdays in St James the Greater, London Road, Leicester.

Come and Join us!

Rosie Craig will be happy to tell you more about joining the Choir. You need reasonable musical ability and must be able to attend rehearsals weekly on Wednesday evenings. Entrance is by audition, although prospective singers are welcome to join rehearsals for a couple of weeks beforehand. We offer scholarships providing free membership and music for singers under 21, and a reduced subscription for singers under 25. We welcome all new members but this year we are particularly interested in hearing from sopranos.

Telephone Rosie on 0116 244 8084
or email ann.craig1@googlemail.com

Become a Friend of the Choir

Please contact the Friends Secretary Polly Bootle to qualify for ticket discounts and other benefits.

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Dvořák
Parry
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Tallis

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