

Saturday 7th November 2009
St James the Greater
7.30pm

Elgar

Dream of Gerontius

in memory of Jonathan Hill

*Karen Wise - Mezzo Soprano
Peter Wedd - Tenor
George von Bergen - Baritone*

*with Cantamici Chamber Choir
Leicester Grammar School Choir
Queen's Park Sinfonia*

7:00 Pre-concert talk by Canon Glynn Richerby

Saturday 12th December 2009
Leicester Cathedral
7.30pm

Music for the Christmas Season

*with choirs from
St. Clare's Roman Catholic
Primary School, Coalville
&
St. Peter's Roman Catholic
Primary School Earl Shilton*

Annual Charity Concert

Saturday 27th March 2010
St James the Greater 7.30pm

J S Bach
Magnificat
Mozart
Coronation Mass
Brahms
Nänie
Mendelssohn
Psalm 98

with Queen's Park Sinfonia

Saturday 12th June 2010
St James the Greater 7.30pm

Finzi
Three Anthems
Britten
Rejoice in the Lamb
Górecki
Totus Tuus
Barber
Agnes Dei
Arvo Pärt
Solfeggio
Cui
Magnificat
Seiber
Yugoslav Folk-Songs

Mark Batten, organist



Richard Laing
*Music Director
and Conductor*

The 2009/10 season will be Richard's seventh with the choir. Richard is one of the most exciting and versatile conductors in Britain today. He is Music Director of Nottingham Harmonic Society, Midlands Chorale, Operamus and several orchestras around the Midlands; he is a frequent guest conductor with Sinfonia ViVA, Birmingham Philharmonia Orchestra, Chandos Symphony Orchestra and Queen's Park Sinfonia. Richard was the first ViVA Scholar at the Birmingham Conservatoire where he gained his Master's Degree, Postgraduate Diploma in Conducting and the Postgraduate Prize. He has given concerts throughout Europe and has conducted for Kent Opera, Dartington Festival Opera and Birmingham Conservatoire Opera where he works as conductor and coach. Richard is in demand as a leader of orchestral and choral workshops across the UK and has lectured at universities in America and Australia.



Joanne Lunn
President

Joanne performs around the world as a soprano soloist and has worked with the choir in rehearsals and workshops. She says:

"I am honoured to be President to this great Choir in my home city! Why? Because the choir is a vibrant, enthusiastic and friendly group who produce good choral music in a demanding schedule of concerts each year. They not only sing as a group but work hard to fundraise for future concerts, and from what I have experienced with them, they have great fun together. Surely that is what music making is all about."

Reviews

from the *Leicester Mercury*

Christmas Concert, 2008, Leicester Cathedral

“Children’s chance to shine: Sharing their Christmas concert with local school choirs has become a tradition with Leicester Bach Choir. It’s an excellent idea as it gives talented youngsters a chance to sing in a packed cathedral ...

The Bach Choir’s contribution included spirited performances of three seasonal choruses from Messiah [and] a melting account of the delectable “As Mary sings Lullay” ... the choirs combined to splendid effect in “We Wish You A Merry Christmas.”



April 2009 Concert, St. James the Greater

“A concert of contrasts opened with the majestic sounds of George Fredric Handel’s Zadok the Priest resounding through the excellent acoustic of the church ... the choir sounded confident ... a dramatic and captivating performance.”

June 2009 Concert, St. James the Greater

“ Psalmfest, though eclectic and easy on the ear, presents quite a challenge to performers ... Clearly, the Bach Choir had worked hard and under the inspired direction of Richard Laing, produced an impressive performance, capturing the mood of each psalm with stylish, disciplined singing . . . ”

Tickets available from:

Churchgate Music, 45 Churchgate

Jackie White (0116) 283 2107

Tourist Information Centre, Town Hall Square

Online at - goleicestershire.com



The *Leicester*
Bach
Choir

We are a 50-strong mixed choir, performing Bach and a wide range of secular and sacred music from the 15th to the 21st century from Britain and beyond. We welcome singers in all voice parts. Entrance is by audition, although prospective singers are welcome to join rehearsals for a couple of weeks before auditioning.

Rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, from 7.30-9.30 pm, are held at St. James the Greater, London Road, Leicester.

Come and Join us!

Nicki Little would be happy to talk to you about:

- *Joining the Choir* - if you have reasonable musical ability and can attend weekly Wednesday evening rehearsals. We actively encourage young people to get involved in choral music: scholarships are available providing free membership and music for singers under 21, and there is a reduced subscription for those under 25 years old.
- *Becoming a Friend of the Choir* - how to get the substantial ticket discounts associated with becoming a Friend.

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