

Saturday 10th December
2011
St James the Greater
7.30pm

Rachmaninov

All
Night
Vigil
(Vespers)

Saturday 31st March
2012
St James the Greater
7.30pm

Pergolesi

Magnificat

Domenico Scarlatti

Stabat Mater

Vivaldi Gloria

Saturday 21st January
2012
St James the Greater

Come
& Sing
Tallis
Spem in
alium

Saturday 9th June
2012
St James the Greater
7.30pm

Dvořák Stabat Mater



Richard Laing
*Music Director
and Conductor*

The 2011/12 season will be Richard's ninth with the choir. Richard is Music Director of Nottingham Harmonic Society, The Midland Sinfonia, Leamington Chamber Orchestra and Lancashire Youth Orchestra, Associate Conductor of Sinfonia Cymru and Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra, and a frequent guest conductor with Sinfonia ViVA, Chandos Symphony Orchestra, Sinfonia of Birmingham, Hallam Sinfonia and Queen's Park Sinfonia. As a Chorus Master he has prepared choirs for the Rinaldo Consort, the National Children's Orchestra and the Hallé.

Richard was the ViVA Conducting Scholar at Birmingham Conservatoire where he gained his Master's Degree, Postgraduate Diploma in Conducting and the Postgraduate Prize. He has lectured at universities in America and Australia, and given concerts throughout Europe. Richard has conducted for Kent Opera, Dartington Festival Opera and Birmingham Conservatoire Opera.
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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

November 2010

"Holst's exquisite setting of Psalm 86; its spare, haunting quality beautifully realised. Laing's handling of the textures and dynamics showed his instinctive empathy with the idiom ... In Bernstein's Chichester Psalms... The choir, singing in Hebrew, managed the work's spiky rhythms, big tunes and lush harmonies (West Side Story goes to Church) with considerable panache."



St Matthew Passion, April 2011

"A truly excellent evening, all performers were utterly convincing in their individual roles and provided a moving experience ... It is hard to think of any other demanding work of such complexity that I have heard recently that has been performed so magnificently."

June 2011

"Vierne's Messe Solennelle is vibrant, thrilling and passionate in nature and both choir and organ achieved these effects. It was a truly superb and enriching evening."

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 perform a wide range of sacred and secular classical music. We rehearse from 7.30-9.30 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.
- **Becoming a Friend of the Choir** - to qualify for substantial ticket discounts.

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Concert Season

2011 - 2012

we sing more
than Bach...

Tallis Scarlatti
Rachmaninov
Dvořák Vivaldi
Pergolesi