

Thames Valley Early Music Forum

A babe is born

A workshop for singers and instrumentalists with Patrick Craig

Sunday 16th December 2018

at the Drake Hall, Amersham Community Centre, Chiltern Avenue, Amersham, Bucks HP6 5AH
10am for 10.30 until 5pm

Christmas is coming and you are invited to TVEMF's annual festive workshop and lunch. This year the music will trace the life of the baby Jesus from Conception to Christening, or from Annunciation to Candlemas. Composers Palestrina and Victoria were friends who spent more than twenty Christmases working together in Rome, and whose music is at its most dramatic when in eight or more parts. These pieces (listed in Tamesis) will sound even more spectacular and festive with the addition of instrumental colour. You are welcome to come if you're a singer or play appropriate instruments such as cornetts, sackbuts, curtals, recorders, violin family, viols, plucked and keyboard continuo (may be from unfigured bass). Pitch will be A = 440.

Patrick Craig is a countertenor and conductor who is a Vicar Choral at St Paul's Cathedral and has performed over a thousand concerts with the Tallis Scholars. He is a regular member of The Cardinal's Music who this summer he guest conducted in Cologne and Lichfield. He is the founder conductor of this country's leading all-female professional choir, Aurora Nova, and the Director of the Temenos Chamber Choir of Sevenoaks. He regularly leads choral workshops across the world, most recently in Budapest, Tuscany and Avila, as well as one-day events across the country including a workshop exploring the music unleashed by the death of Prince Henry in 1612 for TVEMF in March 2017.

The day will start with coffee at 10am and finish at about 5pm. It will be followed by the TVEMF AGM. 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 second course if your surname starts with A to K and to the first if starts with L to Z. Don't bring anything that needs to be heated or cooked. Please put perishable contributions in the fridge when you arrive and leave anything that would be better kept cool in your car (if you came in one), assuming that the weather is cold. Everything else goes on the tables in the hall - first course to the left and second at the far end. Bread, butter and a glass of wine or juice will be provided. Please be prepared to volunteer on the catering front or for chair moving at some time during the day, as there will be lots to do (though the Centre has an excellent dishwasher and we will use disposable plates).

Amersham Community Centre is only a few minutes walk from Amersham 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. Parking is free at the Community Centre and in the library car park. If you search www.streetmap.co.uk for the post code HP6 5AH you will see the Centre just underneath the arrow. There is space on the form to offer or ask for a lift and I will assume if you fill this in that you are happy for your email address/phone number to be circulated to other people on the list.

The cost will be £14 for Early Music Forum members, £16 for others. This is likely to be a popular event so please book early to be sure of a place. You can assume you have been accepted unless you hear to the contrary shortly after the closing date. Late bookings may be possible (email me) but will incur an extra £2 payment. **If you have booked and can't come, please let me know at once because otherwise you will not only lose your booking fee but you will very likely deprive someone on the waiting list of a place.** The attached slip should be sent by December 4th to: Victoria Helby, 50 Sheepfold Lane, Amersham HP7 9EJ. If you need to contact me please use email if possible secretary@tvemf.org but you can phone me on 01494 721582 (except between 4pm and 7pm on weekdays).

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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):

Singers only - I will/will not download and bring my own music from the TVEMF website (deduct £2 if you do)

I can offer/would like a lift from