

Thames Valley Early Music Forum

The Music of John Sheppard

A workshop for singers directed by

Justin Doyle

Saturday 26th September 2015, 10am for 10.30 until 5.30pm
at Wesley Memorial Church Hall, New Inn Hall Street, Oxford OX1 2DH

Justin Doyle was a chorister at Westminster Cathedral and studied at King's College, Cambridge. He won second prize in the prestigious Cadaques Orchestra Conducting Competition from over 180 conductors worldwide and was awarded the first Conductor Fellowship with the BBC Singers. Recent engagements have included concerts with the RIAS Kammerchor, Berlin, Royal Northern Sinfonia, the Orchestra of Opera North, Johannesburg Philharmonic Orchestra and regular broadcasts for BBC Radio 3. He has been Artistic Director of Ryedale Festival and Swaledale Festival; he is particularly known for his conducting of opera, he teaches conducting at the University of Manchester and regularly conducts for Opera North, where he is based.

John Sheppard (c1515 – 1558) was one of the finest English church composers of the Tudor era, his achievements in his generation matched only by Thomas Tallis. The two most extensive sources of his music are the so-called Gyffard partbooks from the 1570s and five surviving part-books from a set of six copied after 1575. In 1543 he was appointed *Informator Choristarum* at Magdalen College, Oxford and by 1552 he was a Gentleman of the Chapel Royal. This workshop will focus on Sheppard's Latin church music, including one of his settings of *Liberationos*, a text that was used twice a day at Magdalen, and the sublime Compline respond *In pace in idipsum*. We will also dip our toes into his extraordinary masterpiece *Media Vita*, a towering achievement in expressive polyphony.

Wesley Memorial Church Hall (almost next-door to St Peter's College) is very near Gloucester Green coach/bus station in Oxford city centre and a ten minute walk from the railway station. From Gloucester Green, turn left into George Street and New Inn Hall Street is next right; look for the church's tall spire, go through the white iron gateway to the right of the church and follow the sign "Church Office and Halls". As many of you know, parking in Oxford is both difficult and expensive; you are advised to use the frequent X90 and Oxford Tube coaches from various parts of London. By car, use one of the Park-&-Ride car parks and take the bus into the city centre to one of several nearby stops; check www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/parkandride for latest information. You can use your bus pass on the bus into the city but must pay for parking at one of the machines before leaving the car park on the bus.

The day will begin with coffee and registration at **10 a.m. for 10.30** and run until **5.30 p.m.** with a break for lunch. We have the use of the kitchen and hall for those who wish to bring their own lunch and there are shops and eating places all around.

The fee for the day is **£14 for members of TVEMF and other Fora and £16 for non-members**; cheques payable to TVEMF. Please send this form with your cheque by September 19th to Nicola Wilson-Smith, 86 Canterbury Road, North Harrow HA1 4PB (n.wilson-smith@ntlworld.com 0208 933 7908). Assume that your application has been accepted unless you hear to the contrary. If you are unable to attend please notify the organiser ASAP so your place can be offered to someone else. Late cancellations received after Monday September 21st may forfeit the fee if they cannot be replaced from the waiting list and **ALL 'NO SHOWS' WILL FORFEIT THE COURSE FEE.** If you would like an acknowledgement of receipt, please send a SAE or request an e-mail reply.

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