

Thames Valley Early Music Forum

ORCHESTRAL ANTHEMS BY PURCELL AND BLOW

A workshop for voices and baroque strings (pitch A440)

Directed by **Peter Holman**

St Nicholas Church, Church Street, Chiswick, W4 2PJ

Saturday 19th March, 2016 from 10am to 5pm

This workshop will study two great verse anthems written for the coronation of James II in 1685: John Blow's "God spake sometime in visions" and Henry Purcell's "My heart is inditing". (If time allows, we may look at other orchestral anthems by Purcell). Both works are on a large scale, and involve 8-part voices, including 3 soprano and 3 bass parts! They will be accompanied by baroque strings, though for the sake of the singers we will be playing at A440 – those whose instruments are normally at A415 are asked to retune them **at least** 24 hours in advance, to avoid tuning problems on the day. Theorbo players who can read figured bass (or from a vocal score) are also welcome.

Peter Holman will need little introduction - emeritus professor at the University of Leeds, he is the director / musical director of the Parley of Instruments, the Suffolk Villages Festival, Leeds Baroque etc. He is the author of the prize-winning "Four and Twenty Fiddlers" (about the court violin bands of Europe) and is currently writing a book on the history of conducting. He has recently been awarded a much-deserved MBE.

The day will start with coffee and registration at 10.00 am in the Church Hall (opposite the church) and will end at 5.00 pm, with a break for lunch. (There are no shops nearby, but the local pub serves food.) Coffee and tea will be provided. Church Street is off the Hogarth Roundabout (junction of the A4 and A416) and free parking is available there, as well as in Chiswick Mall, and also across the churchyard at the far end of Pumping Station Road (accessed off the A316). The church is about 20 minutes' walk from both Turnham Green (District line) and Chiswick (main line to Waterloo) and both stations are served by the E3 bus to Edensor Road, from where there is a 10 minute walk along Pumping Station Road. There is also a bus stop at Hogarth Roundabout for the 190 (Richmond to West Brompton via Hammersmith).

The cost will be £12 for members of TVEMF and other forums and £14 for non-members. Booking forms should be sent to Wendy Davies, Cob Cottage, Woolstone, Faringdon, Oxon SN7 7QL, with a cheque payable to TVEMF, to arrive no later than 7th March. You should assume that your application has been accepted unless you hear to the contrary. **If you have booked and can't come, please let her 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.** Any enquiries about this event should be addressed to Simon Hill (020-8995 2757) simonrhill@yahoo.co.uk.

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Voice/instrument:

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