

THE THAMES VALLEY EARLY MUSIC FORUM

‘Willaert and Friends’

directed by

John Milsom

at the United Reformed Church,

Swakeleys Road, Ickenham UB10 8BE

Saturday, 18 ,October, 2008.

For those of us with longish memories John Milsom needs no introduction as a leading scholar of 16th century music, and a much appreciated leader of previous workshops for TVEMF. Having lectured for some years at Christ Church Oxford, he is now back as a freelance consultant, broadcaster, lecturer, and also busy preparing a new scholarly edition of the Latin sacred works of Thomas Tallis in the series ‘English Early Church Music’.

I suggested a day on Willaert following his last workshop in Oxford. The suggestion ‘Willaert and friends’ came back along with... ‘You could explain that it’s a workshop for singers [SATB] that will focus partly on motets and hymns by Adrian Willaert [c1490-1562, maestro di cappella at St Mark’s Venice], partly on works by his more obscure contemporaries - in particular the elusive Loyset Pieton, a composer of truly magnificent music whose biography remains an almost total mystery.’

I have also been asked to keep the numbers balanced, and around fortyish. So apply early! Each voice part will divide at some point.

Directions: The church is on Swakeleys Road, the B 467 at the corner of Eleanor Grove. (Online maps are available from www.streetmap.co.uk or www.multimap.com using postcode UB10 8BE.) The church is half a mile from Ickenham station (Metropolitan line) and about three quarters of a mile from West Ruislip (Chiltern and Central lines). You are urged to check for weekend engineering works. The Oxford buses stop at Hillingdon Circus about a mile away. If driving from the west leave the A40 at Swakeleys roundabout, take the first exit into Swakeleys Road and the second exit at each of two mini roundabouts. If driving on the A40 from the east turn off at Hillingdon Circus, right into Long Lane at the traffic lights and left into Swakeleys Road after a mile. The Coach and Horses pub is opposite the turn. Limited car parking is available in front of the church but there is street parking around area.

The usual format will prevail, with coffee from 10.00 am for a 10.30 start. I would be pleased to receive offers for help with refreshments, as it makes running the day so much easier! Unless you hear from me you may assume that you have been accepted, but I will inform you if you have to go on a waiting list. The day will cost £15 for members; and £17 for non members. Please make cheques payable to TVEMF and send the completed application to Neil Edington, 11, Regal Lane, London, NW1 7TH

I would like to come to the ‘Willaert and Friends’ event with John Milsom on 18th October 2008

Name

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Voice.....

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I enclose a cheque for £.....