

THAMES VALLEY EARLY MUSIC FORUM

Verse anthems

Tudor and Stuart music for voices and instruments

A day for singers and instrumentalists directed by William Hunt
at the United Reformed Church, Ickenham, Saturday 10 January 2009

This workshop will explore territory which is relatively new for TVEMF: the verse anthem and Anglican service music of the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries.

William Hunt has played professionally on both viols and violones for the past 30 years and has held a number of academic posts. He was a founder member of the viol consort Fretwork and is general editor of Fretwork Editions. Over the past two years he has been forging links with the country's leading cathedral and collegiate choirs, to encourage them to take up the great but still neglected verse anthem repertoire from the pre-Civil war era, and has researched and published practical performing editions for this purpose. The workshop will be an opportunity to discover how dramatic this music can be.

Singers in all voice ranges will be welcome, and players of viols, violins, recorders, cornetts, sackbuts and curtals. Players of quiet instruments need not fear that they will be swamped: the repertoire lends itself to the use of contrasting choirs. Some solo singers are needed, including "real" tenors who are comfortable up to g' and a'. Pitch will be A = 440.

The day will begin with coffee and registration at 10.00 for a 10.30 start and run till 5.00. There are pubs serving lunches in Ickenham and a cafe.

Ickenham URC is in Swakeleys Road, on the corner of Eleanor Grove. To get a map online, go into www.streetmap.co.uk/ or www.multimap.com and put in the postcode, UB10 8BE. The church is half a mile from Ickenham station (Metropolitan) and about three quarters of a mile from West Ruislip (Chiltern and Central). The Oxford buses stop at Hillingdon Circus about a mile away. For drivers there is parking in the streets by the church.

The fee for the day is £14 for Early Music Forum members and £16 for non-members, cheques payable to TVEMF. Please send this form to Jeff Gill, 12 Dorset Road London SW8 1EJ (020 7735 9002, jeffgill9160@waitrose.com). You should assume that your application has been accepted unless you hear to the contrary. If you would like an acknowledgment please e-mail Jeff.

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Name

Voice/instrument:

I enclose a cheque for £

Address, telephone number, e-mail address: