

Allegri

MISERERE



Fauré

REQUIEM

Parish Church of St Mary, Thatcham

Palm Sunday
28 March 2010
7.00pm

by kind permission of the Churchwardens

Newbury Chamber Choir
musical director: Edward Lambert

with members of
St Mary's Church Choir

Katie Macdonald (*soprano*)

Kit Hobkirk (*tenor*)

Tim Cooke (*organ*)

The Newbury Chamber Choir is pleased to collaborate with St Mary's Church Choir to present performances of these works so appropriate to the start of Holy Week.

Much speculation surrounds the gestation of Allegri's popular setting of Psalm 50. Originally a simple chant composed in the early seventeenth century for use by the papal choir during Holy Week, it became the subject of embellishments in a style unique to the Vatican which was a closely guarded secret. Although attempts had been made to write the music down, notably by Mozart, the tradition ceased in the 19th century and so was obscured the practice which made the work so famous - and mysterious to this day. Tonight we present a version arranged for choir only.

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) wrote his famous Requiem over a 20 year period, not in memory of any particular person or event but as a pleasurable musical exercise. It shows characteristic restraint, avoiding vivid effects which he regarded as self-indulgent, rather, concentrating on the moulding of musical ideas and their seamless flow into one another.

As soloists, we welcome local singer Katie Macdonald, 13, who was a chorister at Wells Cathedral before playing flute in the National Children's Orchestra. Kit Hobkirk sings at Salisbury Cathedral and is well-known as a teacher and soloist. We are grateful to him for stepping in at short notice.

(retiring collection)

The Newbury Chamber Choir

GOOD FRIDAY, 2 APRIL 2010

AT 7.00 PM

ST NICOLAS CHURCH, NEWBURY

with Thatcham and Newbury Church Choirs

Stainer: *Crucifixion*

SATURDAY 12 JUNE 2010

AT 7.30 PM

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, NEWBURY

Telemann:

German Magnificat

Concerto for Viola

Missa 'Christ lag in Todesbanden'

Concerto for Recorder & Bassoon

Bach:

Mass in g minor

new members welcome

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