



Welcome to our 52nd concert season in which English music is particularly strongly represented, and opens with two beautiful works by Herbert Howells in a programme on the theme of **Remembrance** (November 20th 2010). The young English composer Will Todd's jazz-inspired **Mass in Blue** (January 15th 2011) is a complete contrast and has already become a firm favourite with audiences and performers alike. The Choir returns to more familiar ground with a programme of **a cappella early English music** in the beautiful chapel at All Saints (March 12th 2011), before joining with the Wormser Kantorei for **Ralph Vaughan Williams's** choral symphonic masterpiece, **A Sea Symphony** (April 30th 2011).

The season ends with the watery theme continuing in **Water, water everywhere** (July 2nd 2011), which features the very popular American composer Eric Whitacre among British contributors.



John Gibbons,
Musical Director

Since its debut in 1958, **St Albans Chamber Choir** has been delighting audiences with music from the last six centuries and winning awards for its innovative programming. This extensive repertoire and a cappella performances are the Choir's hallmarks, and under the direction of its inspirational Musical Director **John Gibbons** the Choir continues to explore new repertoire ranging from modern performances of early works to new commissions from contemporary composers.



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Would you like to join us?

SACC is a friendly and sociable choir, attracting talented singers from all walks of life, aspiring to professional standards and providing a challenging and stimulating musical environment. We will always consider new singers- commitment, enthusiasm and a sense of humour are just as important as a good singing voice, solid sight-reading skills and the ability to learn new repertoire quickly. To find out more, contact the Secretary and come along to one of our Tuesday evening rehearsals - 01582 620398, or email secretary@stalbanschamberchoir.org.uk

A limited number of reduced-rate choir places are available to full-time students under the age of 25.

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**Concert Season
2010-11**

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Saturday 11 September 2010

Westminster Cathedral, 6pm

Early Evening Mass

Josquin des Prés
Brian Moles
Giovanni Gabrieli
Jacob Handl

Missa Da Pacem
Drop, drop slow tears
Jubilate Deo
Pater Noster

The Choir makes a second visit to the Westminster Roman Catholic Cathedral in London to sing the first Mass of Sunday (Please note time – Saturday 6pm). This gorgeous building with its sumptuous acoustic is a wonderful venue for this beautiful music.

No tickets required

Saturday 20 November 2010

St Peter's Church, St Albans, 7.30pm

Remembrance

Herbert Howells
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John Ireland
J S Bach

Requiem
Take him, Earth, for Cherishing
Greater Love
Jesu, meine Freude

With Alex Flood, organ

Loss and faith have both called forth great music. Howells's acclaimed songs of mourning, his unaccompanied *Requiem* and the motet *Take him, Earth, for Cherishing*, are contrasted with Bach's great affirmation of faith, *Jesu, meine Freude*.

£12.50

Saturday 15 January 2011

St Saviour's Church, St Albans, 7.30pm

Post-Christmas Blues

Will Todd
Karl Jenkins
John Rutter

Mass in Blue
A Parliament of Owls
Birthday Madrigals

Soprano soloist, piano, jazz ensemble

Banish those winter blues with a foot-stomping concert of jazz-inspired choral music! The *Mass in Blue* combines driving jazz rhythms with strong choral writing and a soaring soprano soloist. *A Parliament of Owls* is full of catchy melodies and exciting percussion, whilst the *Birthday Madrigals* were written in tribute to the great jazz pianist George Shearing.

£12.50

Saturday 12 March 2011

All Saints Pastoral Centre, London Colney, 7.30pm

Intimations of mortality

William Byrd

and works by

Infelix ego

Carver, Gibbons, Ramsey, Sheppard, Tye and Gombert

Lute solos

A programme of 16th and 17th century music, mainly from England, meditating on matters of life, death and the hope of eternal life, admirably suited to the resonant acoustic of All Saints Chapel.

£12.50

Saturday 30 April 2011

St Albans Cathedral, 7.30pm

The sea, the sea

Ralph Vaughan Williams
Johannes Brahms
Alan Rawsthorne

A Sea Symphony
Schicksalslied
The Cruel Sea

Soprano and baritone soloists,
St Albans Symphony Orchestra

The Chamber Choir is delighted to welcome their German twin-town counterpart the **Wormser Kantorei** for this joint concert in the Abbey, performing Vaughan Williams's *A Sea Symphony*, one of the greatest works for choir and orchestra. This masterpiece is complemented by Brahms's *Schicksalslied* (*Song of destiny*), and by the orchestral suite *The Cruel Sea*, written for the 1953 film.

£20, £16, £12 reserved, £12, £5 unreserved

Saturday 2nd July 2011

St Saviour's Church, St Albans, 7.30pm

Water, water everywhere...

Richard Rodney Bennett
Eric Whitacre
Ralph Vaughan Williams
Bob Chilcott

Sea Change
Cloudburst
Full Fathom Five
Weather Report

In an island nation, it is no surprise that many British composers have drawn their musical inspiration from the sea. In this second concert on the theme of water, the programme also reflects that other British obsession – the weather!

£12.50

Concert details subject to change,
please check the website nearer the time.
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