



22nd September 2018
St Andrews Parish Centre, Sandhills Road,
Barnt Green, Birmingham B45 8NR

Angels

A workshop for voices



Tutor:
Patrick Craig

The music

For the season of Michaelmas - a programme of truly angelic music.

Angels have featured in religious texts and imagery for millennia and continue to do so in modern culture as guardians, comforters and messengers. This workshop will explore the rich array of music featuring the words and actions of angels in the Bible. From dramatic depictions of war in heaven in Dering's *Factum est silentium* to magical renditions of Gabriel's words to Mary in Parson's *Ave Maria* and Lassus's *Alma redemptoris mater*, many composers explored new techniques to portray these magical beings. Of course angels played a vital role in the Christmas story and will be represented here in Sweelinck's *Hodie Christus natus est* and Weelkes's sparkling *Gloria in excelsis Deo*. Frequently-set liturgical texts such as the *Sanctus* also reference angels or use their words and will also feature in the workshop with music by Palestrina. Patrick will flesh out the singing with introductions to the various angelic characters and examples of the poetry of recent centuries which they have inspired.

Patrick Craig

Patrick Craig is a countertenor who is a longstanding member of both St Paul's Cathedral Choir and The Cardinal's Musick. For twenty years he also sang over a thousand concerts with the Tallis Scholars. He founded and conducts this country's pre-eminent all-female professional choir Aurora Nova; he has guest conducted The Cardinal's Musick, The City of London Sinfonia and Chiara women's choir, and has led workshops across the world for Tallis Scholars Summer Schools, Lacock Courses and RunbySingers.

Timetable

10.00 Registration – hot drinks available

10.30 Morning Session

13.00 Lunch – please bring sandwiches

14.00 Afternoon session

15.45 Tea

16.15 Final session

17.00 Finish

NOTE: To help the environment, we are no longer providing polystyrene cups at MEMF events. To this end, we ask that all participants bring their own mugs to the workshop.

Directions

Barnt Green is situated just north of M42, south of Birmingham. From Birmingham take A441 to Hopwood. Turn right on to B4120 and follow this road, which becomes Bittell Road. Turn left into Bittell Lane and at next roundabout take 3rd exit into Sandhills Road. The church is on the left.

From M42. – Leave at Jct2 and take A441 towards Birmingham. At Hopwood, turn left on to B4120 and follow as above.

From M6 or A38, it is advisable to approach via M42.

There is limited parking at the church so please leave these spaces to those who really need them; you can park on Sandhills Road itself.

Barnt Green Railway Station - on the Cross-City line - is a five minute walk from the Church.

Booking

Please complete the enclosed booking form and send it **at least 2 weeks before the event to enable us to obtain sufficient scores** with your cheque payable to “MEMF” to Jonathan Spencer 32 Birley Grove Halesowen B63 1EP

You can also book and /or pay online – follow the links for the workshop from www.memf.org.uk

Please let Jonathan know if you are unable to attend having booked.

E-mail: jonathan-spencer@blueyonder.co.uk / Tel 07784 657563

Please note that neither MEMF nor St St Andrews Parish Centre can accept any responsibility for any property lost or damaged.

Future MEMF events

13th October 2018

St Faith & St Laurence Church Harborne

Laetatus Sum

Music of the Italian renaissance

A workshop for voices & instruments A=440

Tutor: **Philip Thorby**

27th October 2018

Selly Oak Methodist Church

Sue Peters Recorder Day

An informal workshop for Recorder players in memory of Sue Peters,
longstanding MEMF committee member

3rd November 2018

Bramall Dome, Birmingham University

Music from the Royal Court of Francis 1

A Workshop for voices

Tutor: **Andrew Kirkman**

Saturday 1st December 2018

West Orchard United Reformed Church, Styvechale, Coventy

Workshop for Voices and Instruments

Tutor: **Steven Devine**

Saturday 5th January 2019

Solihull Methodist Church

Vocal Workshop

Tutor – **David Allinson**

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Students:	Free

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Alternatively, you can now pay electronically using sort code 56-00-69 and account number 61179698. Please give a reference of 2209 and your surname – e.g. 2209SMITH

If paying electronically, it is important that you also email jonathan.spencer@blueyonder.co.uk all the information requested on this booking form plus confirmation of the amount you have paid, to secure your place; or you can book online at memf.org.uk.

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