

News & Updates from Choral Holidays 2019



Bolton Priory 14th – 17th May

Our first course of the year is **Bolton Priory** (<http://www.choraholidays.com/bolton-priory>)

The Priory is the most extraordinarily beautiful venue for a Choral Holiday. It provides a warm expansive indoor church, with great acoustics and a substantial organ, set amongst the ruins of the remainder of the priory, which themselves are set in a stunning Yorkshire landscape. We will be singing 4 full choral evensongs, plus repeating last year's special treat of singing a service of plainsong Compline in the ruins of the old Quire, where the monks would have sung it centuries ago. I'm delighted that Ben Saul will once again assist and play the organ on this course.

The music we plan is as follows (the links lead to media files of the pieces):

Orlando di **Lasso** – Magnificat Octavi Toni (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FShw3LWmKSQ>)

Thomas Luis de **Victoria** – Nunc Dimittis (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rnqmmvisYzmM>)

Thomas **Tallis** – Hear the voice and prayer (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ResN-bC5zg>)

Stanford – Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in Bb (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ibyqCHyCmMk>)

Charles **Wood** – O Thou the Central Orb (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qf202pdjMZk>)

Adrian **Batten** – Fourth Service Magnificat (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMETQYP9qPo>) and Nunc Dimittis (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_eAoTWOHNw)

William **Croft** – We will rejoice in thy salvation (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmuJMTw-KLQ>)

T. Tertius **Noble** – Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in B minor (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJUCIQjSkO8>)

George F. **Handel** - Zadok the Priest (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zj65u_VY0uM)



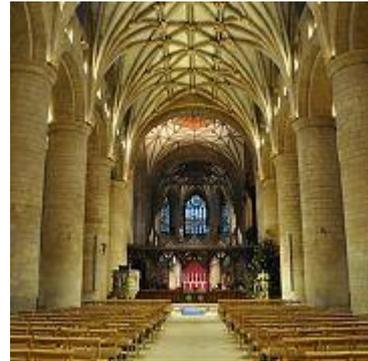
Milton Abbey 30th August – 1st September

Milton Abbey is our longest-running course, now in its 9th year. Every year it gets bigger and more and more people make a point of putting the dates into their diary soon as they are published.

Set in the amazing grounds of Milton Abbey School, stands a fantastic abbey in which we sing for the whole weekend. It's just like having our own cathedral. We work on a wide variety of music but, rather than working towards services, we spend our time working on vocal technique, interpretation, expressiveness and performance techniques as well as letting our hair down both vocally and socially. At the end of the course there is an informal sing through of the music covered on the course which friends and family are most welcome to attend. There is a reason people keep coming back to this course; it's tremendous fun and there's always a great atmosphere. I am delighted that we will have the usual team together again, with **Ben Saul** (<http://favershamlife.org/ben-saul/>) and **Jonathan Hope** (<http://www.jonathanhope.org/>) assisting me and playing the organ and piano. We are provided with accommodation at the school as well as amazing food and plenty of lovely wine, all included in the price.

The music we plan is as follows:

Allegri – Miserere Mei (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36Y_7tEW1NE)
Haydn – Te Deum in C (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUHieXrO9PI>)
Rossini – Cantemus Domino (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5wVgp--87kk>)
Lasso – Jubilate Deo (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2dipxGHwZDA>)
Handel – Your Voices Raise (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhDr45koHEs>)
Holst – Turn Back O Man (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EyEcK1gMPUk>)
Bruckner – Os Justi Meditabitur (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ov-OAmpcRfw>)
Grieg – Ave Maris Stella (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBFCXnaoMHs>)
Palestrina – Sicut Cervus (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0yd5EE0hAB8>)
Sullivan – The Long Day Closes (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YpJK-OhM5tc>)
Soon and Very Soon (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbGebnZzpwKY>)
plus various surprises!



Evensong at Tewkesbury Abbey with Dr Barry Rose 21st September

Dr Barry Rose (<http://www.choralholidays.com/tewkesbury>) is, to choral music, what Brian Clough was to football (as a colleague of mine put it). He is the man who turned St. Paul's Cathedral Choir into possibly the most celebrated choir in the world.

To have Barry working for Choral Holidays is a major coup and we couldn't be more delighted to have him coming to lead this one day course for us. Starting at 11am, with all music provided, we will be working towards a full choral evensong at 5pm.

Tewkesbury Abbey is a stunning building in which to work and is another step in our quest to run courses in as many churches as possible which are cathedrals in all but name.

The music will be as follows:

C.V. Stanford's Justorum Animae (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxPtpCt6gr0>)
Ayleward Responses (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQ4dBJWSLxM>)
Sumsion in G Magnificat (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEFQRqRaOik>) &
Nunc Dimittis (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HTyamLfq2uc>)
Basil Harwood's anthem O How Glorious is the Kingdom (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORp9voKLZmo>)

Barry will be accompanied on the organ by **Tomos Watkins** (<http://www.choralholidays.com/Twm>) who many of you will remember from our course at Black Jack's Mill last year.

Cantemus cum Spiritu

Cantemus cum Spiritu (http://www.choralholidays.com/cantemus_cum_spiritu) continues to go from strength to strength. This is our advanced choir who sang with such distinction at Rochester, Wells, St. Paul's, Portsmouth and St. Alban's last year.

In February we will be singing for a weekend at Southwell Minster, after which we will be at Ripon for a week before returning to St. Paul's. If you are an advanced singer and think this may be for you, then click the coloured link and check out the page.

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