



Workshop for Voices and Instruments: Tutor Matt Kingston

Music from the Coronation of James II

Saturday 22nd September 2018 10 – 4.30 at St John's Church, West Bay, Dorset DT6 4EN

This workshop will include pieces by Tallis, Purcell, Blow and contemporaries, with settings to familiar texts. The workshop is open to singers and players of recorders, viols and early wind instruments.

We welcome local conductor and composer Matt Kingston to tutor a SWEMF workshop for the first time. Matt joined his local church choir at the age of 6, where he was encouraged to compose and conduct, and to play the organ as soon as his feet could reach the pedals. Both his grandfather and great-grandfather were organists and choirmasters, and it wasn't long before Matt joined the family firm. After school, he spent a year working with the composer-in-residence of the Prague Symphony Orchestra, before embarking on a career as a freelance musician. Matt is a prolific music arranger and in recent years has begun to write choral music (using the pen name Matthew Coleridge, in tribute to the aforementioned ancestors). His *a cappella* music has been included on CDs by the Queen's Six and Kantos Chamber Choir, and his Requiem was recorded in 2016 by RSVP Voices, with Guy Johnson (cello) and Stephen Farr (organ). Matt is in increasing demand as a choral conductor, appearing as a guest conductor with many local groups and leading choral workshops in Dorset and Devon. In 2018 he was made a Fellow of the Guild of Musicians and Singers.

Workshop places will be limited to obtain a good balance of parts for singers and instruments, so **please book early**. Closing date for applications is 8th September and no refunds will be given after 15th September. **The workshop will start at 10am**. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided in the morning and afternoon breaks. There are pubs, cafes and fish and chip kiosks in West Bay for lunch, or please bring a packed lunch. The church will be manned at lunchtime and instruments may be left there safely. The toilet in the church is for emergency use only, but there are good public toilets within easy walking distance of the church. The cost for the day is £18 for members of SWEMF and other EMFs and £20 for non-members.

To apply for the workshop, please complete the attached slip and send a cheque made payable to SWEMF to the organiser: Wendy Carnell, Redcot, Bradpole, Bridport, Dorset DT6 4AP

tel: 07503167717; email: wendycarnell@btinternet.com

Please note that cheques will not be presented until after the event.

I would like to attend the workshop on Saturday 22nd September at West Bay. I am/am not a member of SWEMF/other EMF.

I enclose a cheque for £18.00/£20.00 payable to SWEMF. I would like/can offer a lift to West Bay from

Name: **tel no:**

Address:

email:

Voice: S A T B

Recorders: S A T B GtB

Viols (@440): Treble Tenor Bass

Wind (please specify)