The Music of **Michael Praetorius** (1571-1621)

**Gawain Glenton**

**tutors a workshop for singers and instrumentalists***

at St Nicholas’ Church, north Cheltenham (near Racecourse)

5 October 2019 - 10 am [for 10.30 start] - 4.45 pm

This workshop will explore the innovative music of Michael Praetorius, whose prolific work as a composer and theorist helped introduce the latest Italian styles to German-speaking countries, whilst also realising the musical ambitions of Martin Luther’s reformation. Praetorius managed to incorporate popular Lutheran hymn tunes into modern arrangements using multiple choirs of singers and instruments in the latest Venetian style.

If forces allow, we shall explore repertoire such as the following:

*Jubilate Deo [7], Ein feste Burg [8], Ich ruf zu dir [12], Confitemini [16]*

Gawain Glenton is a specialist cornetto player whose work as a soloist and an ensemble musician takes him all over the world. He performs and records with many leading international groups and directors and is a member of The English Cornett & Sackbut Ensemble. He also works with ensembles such as The City Musick and I Fagiolini and is in demand as a coach for both singers and instrumentalists.

- This workshop is suitable for singers, together with *cornets, sackbuts, curtals, viol and violin-family, and plucked continuo. [A=440]*
- Recorder players are welcome, but it would be good if they come prepared to sing and/or play another instrument for some of the time.
- Instrumentalists should remember to bring their own music stands.
- All participants should be competent to sight-read a part fairly confidently.

St Nicholas’ Church is a light modern building with a good acoustic and plenty of parking. Technically situated in Prestbury, this can be misleading. The postcode is GL50 4PA, and it is to be found on Swindon Lane, about half-a-mile west of the main entrance to the famous Cheltenham racecourse. It should not be confused with Prestbury’s parish church more than a mile distant. There are regular buses from central Cheltenham: bus B passes by the church. There is only one nearby shop so participants may well be advised to bring packed lunches unless they wish to travel the 1 or 2 miles into town.

Cheques for **£20** (EMF members) or **£22** (non-members) per person to be made payable to SWEMF

Please return slips & cheques (before 14 Sept) to the organiser for this event:

Simon Pickard, 49 Little Herberths Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 8LL

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**Closing date for applications:** All applications must be in by 14 September. For such larger-scale music as this it is very helpful to be able to give appropriate thought to the disposition of parts, and for that to happen we need to know, in good time, who is planning on coming. If necessary, the tutor & organiser reserve the right to limit numbers in any given voice-part/instrument, in order to achieve a reasonably balance ensemble.

Name/s ____________________________________________
Voice / instrument[s] ____________________________________________

**Contact details** (address, e-mail, phone, etc.)

please include phone number  I can offer/would like a lift from _____________________________________

In case the organiser needs to contact you at short notice.