



# South West Early Music Forum

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## Workshop for Voices and Instruments with Philip Thorby

A Celebration of the 540th Anniversary of the Death of Andrea Gabrieli

Thorverton Parish Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury EX5 5NU

Saturday October 25th 2025 | 10am to 5pm

£30 (non-members); £25 (EMF members); £10 (18-25's)

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### The Workshop

The great Andrea Gabrieli was composer and first organist at St. Mark's in Venice from 1566 until his death in 1585. His large-scale works have also a great intimacy and subtlety. He was a pupil of Orlandus Lassus, maestro di cappella of St Marks, and he would have known the works of Adrian Willaert, who was Maestro di Capella at St. Mark's from 1527 to 1562.

Philip Thorby will be exploring some of Andrea's twelve-part works, including the psalm setting *Benedicam Dominum*, the masterly hymn to music *Cantiam di Dio*, and (if the forces are suitable) his immense, four-choir, sixteen-part *Gloria*.

Singers, cornetts, sackbuts, recorders, curtals, strings and continuo are all welcome, but please note that there will not be C-clefs for all the pieces, and continuo players will be working from scores or figured bass parts. The pitch will be A440.

### The Tutor

The musical director, Philip Thorby, is one of the country's leading performers and teachers in the sphere of Renaissance and Baroque music. He was Emeritus Fellow in Early Music at Trinity Laban Conservatoire London and he both teaches and performs widely throughout the world. He is founder and director of the Renaissance ensemble, *Musica Antiqua of London*, and remains at the forefront of research-based performance of 16<sup>th</sup> Century music. Recordings by *Musica Antiqua of London* are on Naxos and Signum labels.

### The Venue

Philip Thorby's one-day workshop will take place in Thorverton Parish Church on Saturday 25th October from 10am to 5pm. There is normally roadside parking close to the church and in the village centre, and there is a carpark by the post office. There may be additional parking by the Memorial Hall. There are buses from Tiverton and Exeter.

Tea and coffee will be provided but please either take a packed lunch, or you may choose to eat in one of the two pubs in the village or a farm shop nearby where food can be obtained.

Participants may be able to organise lifts from Tiverton Parkway station from other participants.

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Booking forms available on the SWEMF website: <https://swemf.org.uk/event/12481>

Bookings close: Saturday October 18th.