



South West Early Music Forum

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Workshop for Voices with Emma Hornby

Quinquagesima Plainchant

St Monica's Chapel, Cote Lane, Bristol BS9 3UN
Saturday 14th February 2026 | 10am (10.30 start) - 5pm
£25 (non-members); £20 (EMF members); £5 (18-25's)
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The Workshop

This workshop will introduce you to seasonal medieval chant (including the tract Jubilate Domino, and one of the Old Hispanic Lamentations chants), together with 13th-century polyphony.

All voice parts welcome. We will perform from a mixture of square notation and modern notation; you need to be able to read music, but prior experience with square notation is not necessary.

We will close the workshop with an informal performance of some of the music from the day.

The Tutor

Professor Emma Hornby teaches at Bristol University, specialising in medieval music. Her research focuses on western liturgical chant, and she currently works on Old Hispanic chant, in a series of international collaborations which have been funded by the European Research Council, the Arts and Humanities Research Council and the Leverhulme Trust.

Recent work has explored the veneration of saints in medieval Iberia, musical handwriting and the development of Iberian musical notations, medieval processions, and the intersection of music and theology in the Middle Ages.

The Venue

St Monica's spacious Chapel is within St Monica's Home of Rest adjacent to Clifton Downs. It is a lovely grade II listed building in Perpendicular Gothic Revival style, designed by Sir Geoffrey Oakley for H.H.Wills and built in 1925.

At the end of the day there will be a run-through of the pieces we have studied which will be open to the residents.

Please bring your own food for lunch. Tea & coffee will be available, but please supply your own mug.

Lifts from Temple Meads station may be possible.

Booking forms available on the SWEMF website: <https://swemf.org.uk/event/13131/>

Bookings close: Saturday 7th Feb 2026.