



Saturday 24th March 2012

First Vespers of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

From the 13th century Worcester Antiphoner and the Hereford Breviary

Study Day and Workshop with Philip Duffy – Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge

at St. Thomas's Church, Burgate, Canterbury, CT1 2HJ

Outline Timetable

9.45	Arrival and registration, tea, coffee
10.00-1.00	Session 1 – in St. Thomas's Church Hall Singing and coaching by Philip Duffy. During the morning there will be a short talk and discussion about English Chant, the sources of the music and the process of preparing today's edition. Refreshments will be served mid-morning.
1.00 – 2.00	LUNCH BREAK – bring your own to eat in the hall or graze round the city centre
2.00-3.45	Session 2 – St. Thomas's Church Hall Dr. Mark Bateson – of Kent County Council Libraries and Archives Service talks about the survival of mediaeval religious manuscripts. A second singing session follows.
3.45-4.15	Afternoon refreshments
4.15-4.50	Session 3 – in St. Thomas's Church Hall Final singing session and rehearsal.
5.00-5.30	St Thomas's Church - SING THE VESPERS

This study day is a chance to experience music written in Mediaeval England, which is believed to be music surviving from pre-conquest Saxon times. There will be a number of talks about the music and its context with a discussion session. There is also the invaluable opportunity to actually sing the music led by Philip Duffy, who worked closely with the late Dr. Mary Berry. The study material for the day comes from English sources, the Hereford Breviary and the Worcester Antiphoner. The Vespers contains much interesting material which is not contained in the Roman sources of the time. As far as possible, contemporaneous English sources have been used to complete the order of service. Singers of all abilities are welcome. Some parts of the Vespers will suit more confident singers, but there is a large part of the service which is extremely approachable for beginners. We intend to run some parallel sessions where beginners can rehearse in an unpressured way and feel easy with joining in the final Vespers Service. St. Thomas's Church is in the heart of Canterbury's city centre. It is about 10 minutes walk from the railway stations and 2 minutes walk from the bus station. The Cathedral is also very close.

The venue has good facilities for the disabled. Cost includes all music, handouts and refreshments but not lunch. **CGMS Members £15, non-members £25**

REPLY SLIP (BVM Vespers Day): to reserve a place please return this form (with payment) to the address below before 17th March 2012

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