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# Season

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## SUSSEX VOICEWORKS

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## WELCOME TO AN EXCITING SEASON

WE'VE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE WITH A FEAST OF GREAT MUSIC AND A FANTASTIC LINE-UP OF EVENTS.

Highlights this season include popular works such as Karl Jenkins' *Armed Man*; Handel's *Messiah*; Haydn's *Creation*; Faure's *Cantique*; and Gounod's *St Cecilia Messe Solennelle de Sainte Cecile*. Events feature a special gala concert performance at Dorking Halls (November); Surrey Choral Festival at The Harlequin Theatre (March); a recording (May); in addition to popular Christmas and Summer performances at St Mary de Haura Church, Shoreham.

JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE.

Peter Farrant

MUSIC DIRECTOR

**MONDAY 12/19/26 SEPT 2016**

**MONDAY 23/30 JAN 2017**

### OPEN REHEARSALS

St Peter's Church, West Street, Shoreham  
7.15pm

Potential new singers are warmly invited to meet and sing alongside existing members in friendly and enjoyable surroundings. With proven benefits to mind, body and soul, do not miss the opportunity to experience concerts, tours, festivals and workshops, singing a wide range of music with professional instrumentalists and soloists.

**SATURDAY 29 OCT 2016**

### GALA CONCERT WORKSHOP

St Josephs Church Hall, Ladbroke Road, Redhill  
2.00pm

**Jenkins** THE ARMED MAN

**Carr** PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Paul Carr's exciting new *Prayer of Saint Francis* looks set to take the musical world by storm with its uplifting, celebratory yet reflective moments. Championed by Classic FM, Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace* commissioned by the Royal Armouries, offers hope of peace as an end to the horrors of armed conflict and is one of the most popular contemporary choral works in existence. Don't miss the opportunity to explore these fabulous works commemorating the centenary of the battle of the Somme, rehearsing alongside Redhill Sinfonia, ahead of performing a special Gala Concert at Dorking Halls, 'Remembrance Classics', on Sunday 13 November in support of The Royal British Legion.



**SUNDAY 13 NOV 2016**

### REMEMBRANCE CLASSICS

Dorking Halls, Reigate Road, Dorking  
7.00pm (Note time)

**Jenkins** THE ARMED MAN

**Carr** PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

**Elgar** ENIGMA VARIATIONS

A special Remembrance Sunday Gala Concert at Dorking Halls in support of The Royal British Legion. Karl Jenkins' popular *The Armed Man* offers hope of peace as an end to the horrors of armed conflict. One mighty melody dominates in Elgar's 'Enigma' Variations, his affectionate musical portrait of friends and acquaintances including 'Nimrod' featured at the Cenotaph ceremony on Remembrance Sunday each year. The World Première of Paul Carr's exciting new *Prayer of Saint Francis*, (a Special RRCS 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission) looks set to take the musical world by storm with uplifting, celebratory yet reflective moments.

**SUNDAY 11 DEC 2016**

### CHRISTMAS CLASSICS

St Mary de Haura Church, East Street, Shoreham  
4.00pm

**Handel** MESSIAH (Christmas highlights)

**Carr** PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

**Woods** THIS JOYOUS NIGHT

A special Christmas celebration for all the family. Sussex Voiceworks present a selection of glorious festive music including highlights from Handel's crowning masterpiece 'Messiah' as well as CAROLS FOR ALL.



# Diary

2016

FIRST REHEARSAL

Monday 5 Sept

LAST REHEARSAL

Monday 5 Dec

2017

FIRST REHEARSAL

Monday 9 Jan

AGM

Monday 16 Jan

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 4 Feb

ANNUAL DINNER

Monday 26 Jun



**SATURDAY 13 MAY 2017**

**WORLD PREMIERE RECORDING**

Meeting House, Sussex University

Times (tbc)

**Chilcott** PASSION HYMNS

**Carr** PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Recorded music can inspire and give pleasure to all. Don't miss this fabulous opportunity and unique experience of being part of a Recording. Singers will receive stimulating and professional tuition prior to recording a selection of items including Chilcott's *Passion Hymns* and Carr's *Prayer of Saint Francis*.

**SATURDAY 24 JUN 2017**

**SUMMER CLASSICS: A French Twist**

St Mary de Haura Church, East Street, Shoreham  
7.30pm

**Widor** TOCCATA FROM SYMPHONY NO.5

**Faure** CANTIQUE DE JEAN RACINE

**Franck** PANIS ANGELICUS

**Canteloube** BAILERO "Songs from the Auvergne"

**Debussy** NUIT DETOILES / BEAU SOIR

**Chilcott** OPHELIA, CALIBAN AND MIRANDA

**Gounod** MESSE SOLENNELLE DE SAINTE CECILE

A wonderful selection of the very best in popular French favourites with a British Twist. Widor's electrifying Toccata from Symphony No.5 joins Faure's lush prizewinning Cantique de Jean Racine, Debussy's vivacious Nuit d'étoiles & Beau Soir, alongside Canteloube's reflective Bailero (from Songs of the Auvergne). César Franck's glorious Panis Angelicus is contrasted with a jazzy twist on three Shakesperian characters (Hamlet & The Tempest) in the form of Ophelia, Caliban and Miranda. Gounod's monumental St Cecilia Mass concludes the programme with dazzle, charm and delight.

**SATURDAY 25 MAR 2017**

**SURREY CHORAL FESTIVAL**

Harlequin Theatre, Warwick Quadrant, Redhill

7.30pm (Workshop 11am)

**Haydn** CREATION

Haydn's Handel-inspired 'glorious work' bursts into life with its masterly dramatic depictions – from blinding first light through primordial chaos to the arrival of mankind. Experience exuberance, originality, classical elegance, inexhaustible inventiveness, radical development in this recreation of the versions Haydn himself directed in his last years. Don't miss the opportunity to join singers from across the region for an enjoyable day of professional tuition by top international artists culminating in an evening Gala Concert Performance with Professional Orchestra. Your chance to participate in an exhilarating and unforgettable choral experience featuring one of the finest works ever written.

**SATURDAY 29 APR 2017**

**RECORDING WORKSHOP**

Southwick Methodist Church Hall

2.00pm

**Chilcott** PASSION HYMNS

**Carr** PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

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**Sussex Voiceworks** was founded in 1974 and currently has approximately 100 members. Since the appointment of Director Peter Farrant in 1995 the choir has continued to flourish and expand with the creation of exciting new opportunities including Development Workshops, Festivals, Tours, Recordings, Education Initiatives and Partnerships. Professional soloists and instrumentalists are regularly engaged. The choir, a Registered Charity and affiliate of 'Making Music', has performed extensively both in the United Kingdom and abroad, touring France, Holland, Malta and Belgium. Throughout the year choir members regularly present and participate in numerous concerts and functions in a variety of traditional and innovative venues, which have included the Royal Albert Hall.



25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations included special appearances at Wells, Bristol & Clifton Cathedrals, as part of "BBC Music Live". In 2002 the choir hosted a Gospel Workshop led by Karen Gibson and performed a special concert series in Norfolk, including both Norwich Cathedrals, as part of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations. In addition to annual Christmas and Summer Concerts, Sussex Voiceworks has regularly appeared at Festivals in Surrey and Brighton. The choir has toured Dorset and Hampshire with performances including Winchester Cathedral, as well as Worcestershire, with concerts at Great Malvern Priory and Worcester Cathedral. In 2008 the choir performed at Bath Abbey during the Bath Festival in addition to St Gregory's Cheltenham and Bristol Cathedral. In 2010 the choir performed at the University Church of Great St Mary's, Cambridge and London's famous St Paul's Church in Covent Garden. In 2012 choir presented recitals at Christchurch Priory, Bournemouth's Sacred Heart Church, and Winchester Cathedral. 2014 saw recitals at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Nottingham and Lincoln Cathedral. The Choir recently performed at The Wales Millennium Centre and Wells Cathedral. **New members are always welcome. Previous experience is not required. The choir does not audition new members though a willingness to learn and regular attendance is essential.**

# SUPPORT US

## DONATE

**Text SVWS01 £5 to 70070**

**Peter Farrant** has been working professionally as a Music Director since 1993, promoting new and unusual works alongside mainstream repertoire to great acclaim both in the UK and overseas, appearing at numerous cathedrals (including Bristol; Norwich; Wells; Winchester; Coventry; Worcester; Christchurch; Bath; Salisbury; Lincoln; Lisieux; Madeleine and Notre Dame (Paris); Brussels (including National Basilica); Ghent; Brugge; Antwerp; Lille; & Rouen), churches such as St John's Smith Square; St James' Piccadilly; St Paul's Covent Garden; and concert halls which have included The Royal Albert Hall and The Royal Festival Hall. His portfolio includes a number of successful associations with an extensive range of choral and orchestral promoters.

# JOIN

**Concerts • Workshops  
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7.15pm - 9.15pm

Mondays

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