

# VALENTINE SINGERS

## JS Bach ST MATTHEW PASSION workshop day

Saturday 17 January 2015 10.00am for 10.30am - 4.30pm

St Mary's Church, High Rd, South Woodford E18 2PA

Conductor: Christine Gwynn Accompanist: Tim Smith

[www.valentinesingers.org](http://www.valentinesingers.org)

**WHAT?** An open workshop day for choral singers on JS Bach *St Matthew Passion*. We shall rehearse some choruses and chorales in detail and get a taste of others. A chance to get to know, or revisit, this wonderful work with ideas and training to help us explore the music and sing the vocal lines with freedom and confidence. Valentine Singers will perform **JS Bach's St Matthew Passion** at St Mary's, S Woodford on Saturday 28 March; anyone interested in taking part will be given details at the workshop.

**WHEN?** Doors open at 10am for coffee and registration. Workshop 10.30am - 4.30pm.

**WHO?** Anyone who enjoys choral singing or would like to sample the experience of singing with a large chorus is invited to join Valentine Singers for the day. Observers are also welcome. The day will be led by the choir's professional music staff, conductor Christine Gwynn and pianist Tim Smith. Young people of senior school age and over are welcome to join us; anyone younger than 18 must have written parental consent (see enrolment form).

**PROVIDED (no charge)**

- music copies plus tea and coffee at the registration and at all breaks. **NB we shall use the old Novello edition (Elgar/Atkins) in English; please let us know if you will be bringing your own copy.**

**BRING**

- food for lunch time (or there are plenty of local cafes and shops selling sandwiches etc) and a bottle of water

**HOW MUCH?** £17. Special £10 rate for full-time students/school-children/benefit-holders (e.g. unemployment or disability benefits) and current members of Valentine Singers.

**DIRECTIONS** St Mary's Church is on the High Road, linking S Woodford and Woodford. The nearest tube is South Woodford, Central Line (c.10-15mins walk) or there are buses along the High Rd. Limited on street parking; public car park in Derby Rd (5 mins walk) **Map at [www.valentinesingers.org/venues.html](http://www.valentinesingers.org/venues.html)**

**WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?**

Fill in this form and return it to Midge and Keith Venables, 5 Hempstead Close, Buckhurst Hill, Essex IG9 5JQ

Please enclose a cheque, payable to Valentine Singers, for your enrolment fee.

Acknowledgment will be by email; if you require postal acknowledgement please enclose an s.a.e.

**Workshop info and enrolment forms: [www.valentinesingers.org](http://www.valentinesingers.org) or call 020 8504 1261**

General enquiries regarding Valentine Singers should be directed to 01708 751097 or email [info@valentinesingers.org](mailto:info@valentinesingers.org)

-----REPLY FORM-----

**I would like to reserve ... place(s) for Valentine Singers' *St Matthew Passion* day on Saturday 17 January 2014**

I enclose a cheque, payable to Valentine Singers, for £..... (total amount for all applicants named)

Name(s) ..... Soprano / Alto / Tenor / Bass / Observer (please delete)

Phone ..... Email ..... Mobile .....

Address .....

I have my own score (Old Novello Elgar/Atkins edition) Yes / No I shall require a score Yes / No

Previous vocal/choral experience .....

Please let us know of any special needs or requirements that you would like us to take into consideration (e.g. sight or mobility difficulties) .....

Please tell us how you heard about this event .....

**Applicants under 18** Date of birth of applicant ..... Name of parent or guardian .....

I give permission for ..... to participate in this workshop (signature)