

VALENTINE SINGERS

OPEN WORKSHOP DAY

Louis Vierne ~ Messe Solennelle

Saturday 18 January 2025

Registration from 10:00am

Workshop 10:30am – 4:30pm

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

Spend the day singing Louis Vierne's Messe Solennelle

Vierne composed his rich and thrilling Messe Solennelle in 1899, setting the mass text, minus *credo*, for choir and two organs. For obvious practical reasons, arrangements of the mass for choir and one organ have since been published. The mass was premiered in 1900 at Saint-Sulpice, in Paris, with Widor and Vierne playing the glorious organ parts. By this time Vierne had become organist of Notre-Dame where he remained in post until his death in 1937.

Valentine Singers, with organist Jonathan Dods, will perform Vierne's Messe Solennelle, together with David Briggs' Messe pour Notre-Dame, at St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook on Saturday 15 March 2025.

Anyone interested in taking part in the concert will be given details, including the rehearsal schedule, at the workshop.

WHEN? Saturday 18 January 2025 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 musical director Christine Gwynn with pianist Tim Smith. Young people of senior school age and over are welcome to join us; anyone younger than 18 will need written parental consent (see enrolment form).

PROVIDED (no extra charge) **a score to keep** plus tea and coffee at the registration and at all breaks.

BRING Food for lunch time (or there are local cafes and shops selling sandwiches etc) and a bottle of water.

HOW MUCH? £25. Special £11 rate for full-time students/school-children/benefit-holders (e.g. unemployment or disability benefits).

DIRECTIONS St Mary's Church is on the High Road, linking South Woodford and Woodford. The nearest tube is South Woodford, Central Line (c.10-15mins walk, or short bus ride); there are buses along the High Rd. Various parking options include free public car park in Derby Rd (7 mins walk). **FULL TRAVEL INFO & MAP ON WEBSITE**

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

Go to www.valentinesingers.org for online enrolment **OR** fill in this form and return it, with a cheque payable to Valentine Singers, to Midge and Keith Venables, 5 Hempstead Close, Buckhurst Hill, Essex IG9 5JQ
Acknowledgment will be by email; if you require postal acknowledgment please enclose an s.a.e.

Workshop info and extra enrolment forms: www.valentinesingers.org or call 020 8504 1261

General enquiries regarding Valentine Singers should be directed to 07484 231429 or email info@valentinesingers.org

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

I would like to reserve ... place(s) for the VIERNE ~ MESSE SOLENNELLE workshop on Saturday 18 January 2025

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

Name(s) Soprano / Alto / Tenor / Bass / Observer (please select)

Phone Email Mobile

Address

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)