

VALENTINE SINGERS

OPEN WORKSHOP DAY

Brahms ~ Ein deutsches Requiem

Saturday 25 April 2026

Registration from 10:00am

Workshop 10:30am – 4:30pm

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

Spend the day singing Brahms' Ein deutsches Requiem (A German Requiem) 1868

Brahms gave the title Ein deutsches Requiem to this unique work that sets not the well-known Latin texts of the Requiem Mass but rather a selection of verses from both Old and New Testaments from Luther's groundbreaking 1534 translation of the bible. The texts chosen by Brahms focus on those who are living, emphasising hope, serenity and comfort for the bereaved. At the instigation of his publishers, Brahms made a transcription for piano duet which remains popular today.

Valentine Singers, with pianists Tim Smith and Leo Nicholson, will perform Brahms 'Ein deutsches Requiem' at St Mary's, S. Woodford on Saturday 4 July. Details available at the workshop for anyone interested in taking part.

WHEN? Saturday 25 April 2026 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 Paul Chilvers. 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).

INCLUDED: loan for the day of a vocal score, Peters edition, 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? £30. Special £15 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 BRAHMS ~ EIN DEUTSCHES REQUIEM workshop on Saturday 25 April

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)