

Course Leaders and Performers

As well as being the Director of the Sam Baker School of Church Music, **David Leeke** is Organist and Director of Music at S. Chad's, Shrewsbury. He is Conductor of the Shrewsbury Cantata Choir and co-director of The Redbury Singers as well as being the Co-ordinator of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) activity in the West Midlands. He is also a Senior Examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

Kathryn Burningham is a teacher and Director of Chapel Music at Shrewsbury School, is Director of Music at University College, Oxford and is also Director of the Young Peoples' Choirs at S. Chad's, Shrewsbury. She is co-director of the Redbury Singers and is also an examiner. As an undergraduate she was Organ Scholar of Merton College, Oxford, from where she gained a double-first class degree in music.

Nigel Groome has been Organist and Director of Music at Beckenham Parish Church since 1980. He is also the RSCM Co-ordinator for the South-East, and music advisor for the Diocese of Rochester. The RSCM has recently awarded him an Associateship (ARSCM). This award is in recognition of the national importance of his work with the RSCM, the Diocese and Beckenham Parish Church.

Dr Harry Bramma was educated at Oxford where he gained degrees in music and theology. His career in church music began in 1963, when he became Assistant Organist at Worcester Cathedral and Director of Music at the Kings School, Worcester. Moving to London in 1976, he became organist of Southwark Cathedral. From 1989 – 1998 he was Director of the RSCM and was subsequently Organist of All Saints', Margaret Street.

Fr Richard Hayes is the Resident Priest at S. Alkmund's and has had a long ministry mainly in London. He is a native of Shropshire and 'retirement' has brought him back to Shrewsbury. He is Chairman of the Trustees of the SBSCM and has been hugely instrumental in the renaissance of S Alkmund's Church.

Michael Arthur was a chorister at Chelmsford Cathedral and a Choral Exhibitioner at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge where he studied medicine. He now sings with Shrewsbury Cantata Choir and S. Chad's Church Choir and is in increasing demand as a soloist. He is also a local GP.

Fr Philip Chester is Vicar of S. Matthews Westminster and also Area Dean of Westminster (S. Margaret). He was Curate of S. Chad's, Shrewsbury from 1980-1985; of S Martin-in-the-Fields from 1985-1988 and was then Chaplain of King's College London until 1995. He has, for a number of years, been a Priest Vicar of Westminster Abbey.

A Child Protection Policy is in place for all events to cover all those under the age of 18 years.

TERM DATES

(for those having regular tuition)

Sat 10 Jan – Sat 28 Mar (10 weeks)
(Half Term: Sat 14 Feb – Sat 21 Feb incl)
Sat 18 Apr – Sat 4 July (10 weeks)
(Half Term: Sat 23 May – Sat 30 May incl)
(No lessons May 1 – 4)
Sat 5 Sep – Sat 12 Dec (12 weeks)
(Half Term: Sat 17 Oct – Sat 31 Oct)

ASPIRANS

THE SAM BAKER SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC

Charity number 1120145

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David Leeke

(based at S Alkmund's Church, Shrewsbury)

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SPECIAL EVENTS

2009

EVENTS

All courses listed cost £7 per person. If two courses are booked together the cost is £10 for both. Concerts are charged separately (see below).

Course for Clergy, Worship Leaders and Church Musicians

Tuesday 19 May 2009, 7.00pm to 9.30pm

'WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS'

A Talk by Nigel Groome

Are you concerned that:

- Wedding couples have little knowledge of hymnody, nor show a great interest in the music for their ceremony.
- Congregations do not want to sing at weddings or funerals.
- CDs are taking over from 'live' music at these services.

If you have discovered a way of addressing some of these problems and would like to share it with others, then come along.

This event is a 'must' for all Clergy, Readers, Organists, Choir Trainers and Music Leaders. You may simply want to listen and learn, or you may have something valuable to contribute. This is a vital and important part of the Church's ministry.

Course for Church Musicians *Saturday 30 May 2009, 1.30pm to 3.30pm*

BASIC CONDUCTING & CHOIR TRAINING

David Leeke and Kathryn Burningham lead a follow-up to the successful course last autumn and give further expert advice and practical help with conducting and other aspects of running choirs. If you did not attend last autumn, then this is a must for you!

Concert for all

Saturday 30 May 2009, 7.30pm

GALA ORGAN RECITAL

The annual Founder's Day event this year will be a Gala Organ Recital given by Dr Harry Brama (former RSCM Director).
Admission £5 (Concessions £3)

A Choral Pilgrimage

Friday 7 August (2pm)

– Sunday 9 August (7pm)

SINGING WITH THE ANGELS

A choral pilgrimage visiting ancient churches and holy places in and around Shrewsbury led by Fr Richard Hayes and David Leeke.
Cost £110 per person. 20% discount on bookings of 5 or more people. Includes some meals and tea and coffee and music hire, but accommodation is not included.

Course for Church Musicians *Saturday 17 October 2009, 1.30pm to 3.30pm*

GOOD PRACTICE AND COMMON SENSE

David Leeke and Kathryn Burningham give tips on what every church organist or music director ought to know: for churches large and small.

Concert for all

Saturday 17 October 2009, 7.30pm

POEMS OF THOMAS HARDY

Michael Arthur, Richard Hayes and David Leeke present poems in words and music.
Admission £5 (Concessions £3)

Course for Clergy, Worship Leaders and Church Musicians

Monday 19 October 2009, 10.30am to 1.00pm

'HOW SHALL I SING THAT MAJESTY?'

presented by Fr Philip Chester,
Vicar of S. Matthew's, Westminster.

What is Church for? How do we encourage people to step across the threshold from the street to the church? How do we reconnect with the 'grammar' of worship?

If these are questions you have thought of then this course is for you!

**All the above events are promoted
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