Aims of the Festival

Our principal aim is to establish an annual, week-long Festival around St Pancrastide (12th May), to showcase very high quality performances of recent and contemporary liturgical and organ music, in the context of both services and concerts.

Our subsidiary aims are as follows:

- To encourage and enthuse people to experience such music in live performance rather than through recorded media.
- To add to the living tradition through newly commissioned works.
- To provide a platform for composers to present and, hopefully, to discuss their work.

Patrons:

The Rt Revd Richard Chartres – Bishop of London The Rt Revd Peter Wheatley – Bishop of Edmonton Mr Michael Berkeley Professor Sebastian Forbes

A message from the Vicar

"All your works echo the silent music of your praise" – words from a Common Worship Eucharistic Prayer. Most of us would find it difficult to find satisfactory words to express our experience of God, but music frequently succeeds when words fail. Music that speaks to us of the mystery and redeeming love of God feeds our faith. We hope that this Festival will be a helpful celebration of such music.



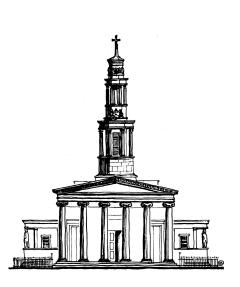
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Calendar of Events

5th May

10.00 Choral Eucharist Preacher: Prebendary Paul Hawkins, Vicar of St Pancras Ave verum – Anthony Herschel Hill Berliner Mess – Arvo Pärt Easter Anthem – Paul Ayres (world premiere)

18.00 Choral Evensong

Preacher: Canon John White, Canon of Windsor Responses: Francis Pott The Lord bless you & keep you – Hugh Collins-Rice Salisbury Service – John McCabe Great is the power of thy cross – Francis Grier

7th May

13.15 Lunchtime Recital

admission free Robert Sholl – organ Anna McCready – soprano Clare Hoskins - oboe/cor anglais Dan Earley - percussion Washington Toccata – Alan Gibbs Browning Songs – Susan Laurie Two pieces from 'Celebrations and Reflections' – Robert Keeley Black Host – William Bolcom (1967) Two Etudes – Ligeti New Work 2002 – Susan Laurie Empyrean – Francis Pott

9th May

13.15 Lunchtime Recital

admission free Paul Ayres – organ and Anna Dennis – soprano Why art thou cast down, O my soul? -Antony Pitts Carole – Rob Godman Jesu, swete sone dear – Andrew Bates Wedding Anthem – Paul Ayres Four Psalms for Soprano & Organ – Sebastian Forbes

19.00 Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day Celebrant & Preacher: The Rt Revd Peter Wheatley (Bishop of Edmonton) Adoro te devote – Simon Brown Millennium Mass – James MacMillan Ascendit Deus – Michael Berkeley



11th May

19.30 Pre-concert talk by Francis Pott

20.00 Festival Concert

admission £8, concessions £6 Five Spirituals from 'A Child of our Time' – Tippett Chichester Psalms – Bernstein Drop, drop slow tears – Walton Set me as a seal – Walton Nunc natus est altissimus – Pott I am the day – Dove The Angels – Harvey Ascending into Heaven – Weir Libera me – Pitts The Annunciation – Tavener

12th May

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

10.00 Choral Eucharist for St Pancrastide Preacher: Prebendary Donald Barnes Come, my way, my truth – Brian Chapple Missa Lumen de Lumine – Michael Berkeley O be joyful in the Lord – Peter Maxwell Davies

18.00 Choral Evensong

Preacher: The Revd Lucy Winkett, Minor Canon & Chaplain, St Paul's Cathedral Responses: Christopher Batchelor O Gracious God – Alexander Goehr Aedis Christi 1 – Sebastian Forbes Lo, God is here – Philip Moore