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# About the Festival

The London Festival of Contemporary Church Music was founded in 2002 with the aim of showcasing contemporary liturgical music in both service and concert. Now in its seventeenth year, the LFCCM has grown to include more than 50 events, dozens of composers, hundreds of performers and thousands of audience members, both live and online. This year we're delighted to present premieres of brand new commissions, an exciting array of events in Cambridge, a wide variety of submissions from our increasingly international Call for Scores programme, and more live performances in London than ever before!

> These symbols are used to indicate premiere performances

- World premiere
- **UK** premiere
- London premiere
- ☆ Festival commission



Call for Scores submission

Nearly every event in the Festival is free of charge. For the Opening Concert and the Gala Concert, book online at www.lfccm.com/tickets

## Welcome

Welcome to the 2018 LFCCM! This year's nine-day programme features concerts in London, an away day in Cambridge, six new commissions including a brand new musical setting of the entire order of compline, and premiere performances in services across London from our increasingly international Call for Scores programme.

The promotion of new music is at the very heart of this Festival. We have commissioned nearly 80 works since 2002, and I am delighted to be able to reveal a further six for 2018. New music for evensong by Phillip Cooke, Judith Bingham, Miriam Mackie, Robin Holloway and Edmund Jolliffe will receive their premieres during a live broadcast of choral evensong from St Pancras Parish Church, while a complete setting of compline by Ben Rowarth will be performed twice during the week.

The Festival celebrates the birthdays of four of our patrons this year: Roxanna Panufnik, Diana Burrell, Michael Berkeley and Gregory Rose. We open with a concert celebrating the music of Diana and Gregory, including the London premiere of Diana's *Missa Brevis* and the first performance of *Pentecost*, a major new work for piano, together with the premieres of Gregory's *Requiem* and *Hymn to Aphrodite*. Works by Roxanna and Michael feature in performances later in the week at The National Gallery and at St Pancras Parish Church.

This year's gala concert, presented by The Choir of The Queen's College, Oxford, commemorates the centenary of World War I with a reflective programme of music by Herbert Howells, David Bednall and Cecilia McDowall; another important 1918 centenary, women's suffrage, is the focus of a lunchtime recital at the National Gallery, with music by contemporary women composers alongside works by suffragettes. The wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle is the theme of this year's Rush Hour recital, with the University College London Chamber Choir The London Festival of Contemporary Church Music www.lfccm.com

presenting a delightful programme of romantic music by Howard Skempton, John Woolrich and William Walton.

Partnerships and collaborations are key to the Festival's success. I am very pleased this year that we will be spending a day in Cambridge, with a seminar and evensongs sung in the college chapels of King's, Trinity, Gonville and



Christopher Batchelor

Caius, and Clare. Meanwhile, at venues across London, submissions from our Call for Scores project receive premiere performances throughout the week, with a tremendous variety of new music not only from British and European composers but also from North America and, for the first time, the Middle East.

I am most grateful to all directors of music, organists, chapters, clergy, composers, educational institutions and performers who contribute so richly to the success of the Festival. My thanks to all our patrons, donors and funding partners whose generous financial support turns the Festival's ambitions into reality.

— Christopher Batchelor, Artistic Director

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#### OPENING CONCERT

## Diana Burrell



"Diana and Gregory at 70" New Music for Voices, Organ and Piano

7.30pm Saturday 12 May Pre-concert talk at 7pm St Pancras Parish Church, NW1 2BA £12 / £10 www.lfccm.com/tickets

The LFCCM Festival Singers Christopher Batchelor *Director* Douglas Tang *Organ* Matthew Schellhorn *Piano* 

Programme to include Pentecost Diana Burrell (\*) Missa Brevis Diana Burrell (\*) Requiem Gregory Rose (\*) Hymn to Aphrodite Gregory Rose (\*)

This year's Festival opens with a programme of new music by two of Britain's most celebrated contemporary composers. The Festival's own professional vocal ensemble, The LFCCM Festival Singers, presents premiere performances of sacred music and instrumental works by Diana Burrell and Gregory Rose, including the first performance of *Pentecost*, a major new work for solo piano.



Gregory Rose

#### This performance is ticketed. Book online at www.lfccm.com/tickets

Born in Norwich in 1948, **Diana Burrell** followed studies at Cambridge University with several years as a teacher and professional viola player before devoting herself to composition. She found an early champion in the conductor Richard Hickox, who premiered her *Missa Sancte Endeliente* in 1980; this was followed by a number of pieces inspired by her love of the natural world, culminating in the opera *The Albatross*. Diana's interest in music education and music in the community is reflected in her teaching at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, her tenures as Artistic Director of the Spitalfields Festival and the Harwich Arts Festival, and the composition of works especially for young performers. Central to Diana's output are a series of concertos; first a work for her own instrument, the *Viola Concerto*, then concerti for Clarinet and Flute, and finally *Concerto for Brass and Orchestra*, commissioned for the BBC Symphony Orchestra. Other recent commissions include works for the BBC Proms, Opus Anglicanum and Brentwood Cathedral.

The compositions of **Gregory Rose** comprise works for orchestra, instrumental ensemble and choir, including many liturgical pieces. His *Missa Sancta Pauli Apostoli* won a 2006 British Composer Award and his *Danse macabre* was described as "... an absorbing musical masterpiece". Recent premieres include the *Violin Concerto, Stabat Mater* for choir and tubular bells, and *Aphrodite and Adonis* for soprano and marimba. Gregory's choral music includes eighteen masses, five sets of Evening Canticles and many motets; a selection of these have recently been recorded by the Latvian Radio Choir. Gregory has conducted orchestras, ensembles and choirs throughout Europe, including his amplified vocal ensemble Singcircle and CoMA London Ensemble. He has worked closely with composers such as Stockhausen, Cage, Steve Reich, Christian Wolff and Stephen Montague, and has conducted more than a thousand premieres. He collaborated on the recording of John Cage's iconic *Song Books* in 2012. Gregory has been a staff conductor at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance since 1996.

# Ascension Sunday

London's world-class choral foundations perform contemporary music by British, European and international composers at liturgical services throughout the day.

#### SUNDAY 13 MAY

10.00am Introit Mass Motet Organ	Choral EucharistSt Pancras Parish Church, NW1 2BAAve verum corpusFrank La RoccaMissa BrevisRichard NyeCome, you who are blessedJonathan DoveNow the green blade risethAlison Willis
10.00am Organ Mass Gradual Motet Organ	Parish EucharistSt Giles Cripplegate, EC2Y 8DAElegy William WaltonMissa Brevis Grayston IvesSet me as a Seal upon Thine Heart William WaltonAve verum corpus Tim KnightCrown Imperial William Walton
10.30am <i>Mass</i>	Solemn MassWestminster Cathedral, SW1P 1QWWestminster MassJames MacMillan
10.30am <i>Mass</i>	High MassSt James's Sussex Gardens, W2 3UDMissa BrevisMarco Galvani
10.30am Mass Motet	Parish EucharistHampstead Parish Church, NW3 6UUMissa BrevisMarco GalvaniOmnes gentes plaudite manibusPeter Foggitt
11.00am Offertory Organ	Parish EucharistAll Saints, Margaret Street, W1W 8JGAscendens Christus in altumAndrew GantThe people respond "Amen" from RubricsDan Locklair

11.00am	Solemn High Mass St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, SW1X 8SH
Mass	Missa Sanctae Margaretae <i>Gabriel Jackson</i>
Motet	The Deer's Cry <i>Arvo Pärt</i>
Organ	The Lamb has come for us <i>James MacMillan</i>
11.00am Organ Anthems Organ	Sunday ServiceUnion Chapel, N1 2UNJesu, der du meine SeeleAlexander CampkinLobe den HerrenThe Ben Comeau EnsembleThe AscensionJohn ColtraneAll night, all dayMasashi FujimotoTransports de joieOlivier Messiaen
11.00am Mass Offertory Motet	Sung MassSt Patrick's Church, Soho Square, W1D 4NRThe Mass of Blessed John Henry Newman James MacMillanAve Maris Stella James MacMillanTantum ergo Frank La Rocca
11.00am	Sung Eucharist Christ Church Chelsea, SW3 4AS
Mass	Missa Sancti Jacobi <i>Gareth Wilson</i>
Motet	Tantum ergo <i>Nicholas Walker</i>
11.00am Mass Motet Organ	Parish EucharistSt George's, Hanover Square, W1S 1FXMissa San MarcoRonald CorpO clap your hands togetherGrayston IvesVox DicentisSimon Preston
11.00am	Sung Eucharist St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey
Mass	Missa Syllabica <i>Arvo Pärt</i>
Gradual	Sweet Jesus' Heart <i>Gareth Treseder</i>
Motet	O sacrum convivium <i>Alastair Putt</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist St Marylebone Parish Church, NW1 5LT
Mass	Missa Sancta Maria tota bona <i>Paul Mealor</i>
Motet	Ascension <i>Bertie Baigent</i>

11.00am <i>Motet</i>	High MassSt Mary's Bourne Street, SW1W 8JJAve verum corpusMatthew Hall
11.00am Mass Motet	Sung Parish Mass St James's, West Hampstead, NW6 2AP Missa San Marco <i>Ronald Corp</i> King of Glory, King of Peace <i>David Barton</i>
11.00am Mass Motet	Solemn High Mass St Magnus the Martyr, EC3R 6DN Missa Brevis <i>Marco Galvani &amp;</i> A Child's Blessing <i>Harley Jones &amp; </i>
12.30pm Offertory Motets	Solemn MassSt Mary of the Angels, Bayswater, W2 5DJLaudate DominumGaetano LorandiThe God of CaptainsMasoud NekooeiThe Lord AscendethMichael Praetorius
3.30pm Canticles Anthem	Choral Evensong HM Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace Jesus College Service <i>William Mathias</i> The Ascension <i>Philip Moore</i>
6.00pm Introit Canticles Anthem	Choral Evensong Hampstead Parish Church, NW3 6UU In faith I quiet wait Mark Bellis & 💭 Magnificat quinti toni Michael Praetorius Nunc Dimittis Oscar Ridout & 🏵 🌐 Swet Jesus Martin Bussey &
6.00pm Introit Responses Canticles Anthem Organ	Choral Evensong St Pancras Parish Church, NW1 2BA Te lucis ante terminum <i>Christopher Upton</i> 🌾 🌐 <i>Christopher Hutchings</i> 🌾 🌐 An English Magnificat <i>Tim Ambler</i> 🌾 🌐 Nunc Dimittis <i>James D'Angelo</i> 🌾 🌐 O quam gloriosum <i>Gabriel Jackson</i> 🎬 Theme, Chorale and Prelude <i>Mark Bellis</i> 🌾 🌐

#### ALSO ON SUNDAY 13 MAY

4.45pm Organ Recital St Paul's Cathedral, EC4 8AD

Tom Bell plays a varied programme of contemporary organ music including *St Paul's Shipwreck* by Geoffrey Alvarez.

# Mid-Week Events

#### MONDAY 14 MAY

6.00pm	Choral Evensong St Michael, Cornhill, EC3V 9DS
Introit	Psallite Domino William Byrd
Psalm	Martin How
Canticles	Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis Rhiannon Randle
Anthem	God is gone up <i>Gerald Finzi</i>

8.30pm Compline St Pancras Parish Church, NW1 2BA Night Prayer: Compline Renewed *Ben Rowarth* 

The Lacock Scholars directed by Greg Skidmore perform *Night Prayer*, a new musical sequence that sets the complete liturgy of compline. Written for two groups of singers that can either perform in the same venue or in separate venues with the assistance of a live audio link, Ben Rowarth's music is a through-composed setting, carefully allowing the elements of the compline service to flow together into one forty-five minute presentation. Examining themes of intimacy, fear, life and death, this piece explores ways that sound can be experienced in different parts of sacred spaces.

Most commonly associated with pre-Reformation monasteries, compline has returned to common usage over the last century. *Night Prayer* takes its inspiration from compline's rich musical heritage while simultaneously seeking to challenge, experiment and re-invent the way music can be used to enhance liturgy. The London Festival of Contemporary Church Music Tuesday 15 May 2018

5.30pmChoral EvensongSt Mary-le-Strand, WC2R 1ESCanticlesGloucester ServiceKerensa BriggsAnthemFrom the Book of AmosRobert Keeley

8.30pm Compline St Cuthbert's Church, SW5 9EB Night Prayer: Compline Renewed Ben Rowarth



Ben Rowarth

In this second performance of Ben Rowarth's *Night Prayer*, The Lacock Scholars in London collaborate via live audio link with the Chapel Choir of University College, Durham in Durham Castle. In this remarkable and innovative multi-venue experience, audiences in both venues will experience a seamless and unified performance, despite the two performing ensembles being separated by more than two hundred miles.

### ALSO ON TUESDAY 15 MAY

# LFCCM in Cambridge

An afternoon of discussion and music in Cambridge, including a seminar at Gonville and Caius College and sung choral evensong services across Cambridge, featuring music by Graham Ross, Joshua Pacey, Sigurður Sævarsson, Julian Anderson and Cheryl Frances-Hoad. 1.10pmChoral EucharistSt Mary-le-Strand, WC2R 1ESOffertoryLove bade me welcomeRhian SamuelMotetO salutaris hostiaGregory Drott

#### 3.30pm Choral Evensong St Pancras Parish Church, NW1 2BA Broadcast live on BBC Radio 3 and BBC iPlayer

This service includes the premiere performances of the Festival's 2018 commissions for Choral Evensong

Introit	Locus Iste Edmund Jolliffe 🛛 🕁 🌐
Responses	Miriam Mackie 🛛 🕁 🌐
Canticles	St Pancras Service Phillip Cooke 🛛 🕁 🌐
Anthem	The North Star Judith Bingham ☆⊕
Organ	New Wine Robin Holloway 🛛 🕁 🌐

6.30pmChoral EvensongSt Matthew's, Westminster, SW1P 2BUResponsesHumphrey ClucasCanticlesEvening Service in E minor Anthony CaesarAnthemAve verum corpusMartin How

Complete programme and additional information at www.lfccm.com/cambridge

1.30pm Welcome at Gonville and Caius College

 2.00pm "Towards 50/50: programming new liturgical music by women composers" Seminar at Gonville and Caius College led by Dr Geoffrey Webber, with Dr Edward Wickham, Stevie Wishart, Joanna Marsh and Cheryl Frances-Hoad
5.30pm Choral Evensong at King's College

6.15pm Choral Evensong at Clare College, Trinity College, and Gonville and Caius College

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THURSDAY 17 MAY

# Gallery Recital



Ethel Smyth 1858 – 1944

"Songs of Suffrage" 1.00pm Thursday 17 May The National Gallery, Trafalgar Square

The LFCCM Festival Singers Christopher Batchelor *Director* 

Programme to include Cantate Domino Judith Bingham Ave Maria Rebecca Clarke Standing as I do before God Cecilia McDowall Hymn to Wisdom Diana Burrell Ave Regina Caelorum Judith Weir Chorale Melodies after J S Bach Ethel Smyth St Pancras Canticles Roxanna Panufnik

#### ALSO ON THURSDAY 17 MAY

1.15pm Organ Recital St Pancras Parish Church, NW1 2BA

Douglas Tang performs a recital showcasing the Festival's organ commissions as well as recent submissions from Call for Scores, including organ music by Diana Burrell, Michael Berkeley, Gregory Rose, Alison Willis, Mark Bellis and Robin Holloway.

#### 5.30pm Choral Evensong St Marylebone Parish Church, NW1 5LT

Sung by The Chapel Choir of St Marylebone SchoolIntroitA Gaelic Blessing John RutterPsalmThe Lord is my Shepherd Howard GoodallAnthemFor the Beauty of the Earth John Rutter

#### This performance is free of charge and unticketed, but we recommend that you arrive in good time

Thurday's lunchtime recital at The National Gallery features a fascinating selection of seldom-heard pieces by suffragette composers, intermingled with works by their modern contemporaries in a programme celebrating 100 years of women's suffrage in the United Kingdom.

#### FRIDAY 18 MAY

# Rush Hour Recital

#### "Setting the Seal"

5.30pm Friday 18 May Pre-concert talk at 5pm St Pancras Parish Church, NW1 2BA

University College London Chamber Choir Charles Peebles *Director* 

Programme to include Spring in Winter John Woolrich Three Motets Howard Skempton Set me as a Seal upon Thine Heart William Walton Rise up, my Love, my Fair One Howard Skempton



William Walton's famous anthem *Set me as a Seal*, composed for a 1938 society wedding, appropriately sets the theme of this programme of choral music inspired by the marriage of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on 19 May, featuring music by two very different contemporary British composers: Howard Skempton and John Woolrich.

This performance is free of charge and unticketed, but we recommend that you arrive in good time

#### GALA CONCERT



## The Choir of The Queen's College, Oxford

#### "Loss and Lamentation"

7.30pm Saturday 19 May Pre-concert talk at 7pm St Pancras Parish Church, NW1 2BA £12 / £10 www.lfccm.com/tickets

The Choir of The Queen's College, Oxford Owen Rees *Director* 

Programme to include Three Songs of Remembrance David Bednall The Lord is Good Cecilia McDowall Requiem Herbert Howells Song for Athene John Tavener

#### This performance is ticketed. Book online at www.lfccm.com/tickets

This year's gala concert presents a gorgeous programme of music exploring composers' responses to loss and the need for remembrance: remembrance of World War I as well as the marking of personal loss in texts dating back to Biblical times.

The Choir of The Queen's College, Oxford is among the finest and most active university choirs in the United Kingdom, with an extensive concert and touring schedule that includes recent visits to Taiwan, China, the United States, and Sri Lanka. The choir's wide-ranging repertory includes a rich array of Renaissance and Baroque music as well as contemporary music, including annual commissions. The group records and broadcasts regularly, and during the academic year provides the music for liturgical services in the splendid Baroque chapel of The Queen's College. Made up of thirty undergraduate singers based at the University of Oxford, this superb ensemble is directed by **Owen Rees**, Professor of Music at the university and Fellow in Music at The Queen's College. In addition to his critically acclaimed performance work, Professor Rees is renowned as one of the world's foremost authorities on Portuguese Renaissance music.

#### ALSO ON SATURDAY 19 MAY

10.30am RSCM Come and Sing with Bob Chilcott

A day of singing Bob Chilcott's music, including his *Little Jazz Mass, Five Passion Hymns* and *The Real of Heart,* at The Regent Hall in Oxford Street, led by the composer.

Full event details and online registration at www.lfccm.com/rscm

5.00pmChoral EvensongWestminster Abbey, SW1P 3PAAnthemCome, Holy GhostJonathan Harvey

# Pentecost Sunday

The Festival closes with a second Sunday of contemporary music at liturgical services across London.

#### SUNDAY 20 MAY

10.00am	Choral Eucharist St Pancras Parish Church, NW1 2BA
Introit	Caritas Dei diffusa est Daniel Knaggs 💒
Mass	Missa Secunda Sebastian Forbes 🎡
Canticle	Te Deum Michael Berkeley 🎡
Organ	Wild Bells Michael Berkeley
10.15am	Sung Eucharist St John the Baptist, Wimbledon, SW19 4NZ
<i>Motet</i>	I Saw a New Heaven <i>Richard Nye</i>
10.30am	Choral Eucharist St George's Church, Bloomsbury, WC1A 2SA
<i>Organ</i>	Now the Green Blade Riseth <i>Alison Willis</i>
10.30am Mass Motet	Parish EucharistHampstead Parish Church, NW3 6UUThe Western Wind Mass John TavernerCome, Holy Ghost Philip Godfrey
10.30am <i>Motets</i>	Parish Communion St John the Evangelist, Redhill, RH1 6QA I am the Rose <i>Harley Jones</i> 🏾 🖑 🌐 Here, O my Lord <i>Peter Foster</i> 🛛 🎸

#### ALSO ON SUNDAY 20 MAY

1.00pm Lunchtime Recital HM Chapel Royal, Hampton Court

Flautist Emma Halnan presents a programme featuring works by Katherine Hoover, Wil Offermans and Peter Maxwell Davies.



11.00am Anthems Organ	Sunday ServiceUnion Chapel, N1 2UNA Mighty Rushing WindCathy EastburnSend Beams of ComfortMasashi FujimotoMesse de la PentecôteOlivier Messiaen
11.00am Mass Motet Organ	Choral Eucharist The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, WC2R oDA Missa Brevis Capella Regalis Anthony Caesar Here, O my Lord Peter Foster Eageant Francis Jackson
11.00am Mass Offertory Motet	Choral Eucharist Holy Trinity Sloane Square, SW1X 9BZ Sarum Mass <i>Kenneth Leighton</i> Veni Sancte Spiritus <i>Gregorio Allegri</i> Come down, O Love Divine <i>Philip Stopford</i>
11.00am Motet Organ	High MassAll Saints, Margaret Street, W1W 8JGCaritas Dei diffusa est Daniel KnaggsImage: Image: I
11.00am Responses Canticles Anthem Organ	Choral MattinsThe Temple Church, EC4Y 1AFKenneth LeightonTe Deum Franz Josef HaydnJubilate Ashton ThomasAchieved is the Glorious WorkFranz Josef HaydnVeni Creator SpiritusCarl Rütti
11.00am Responses Anthem Mass	Choral Mattins St Mary Abbots Church, W8 4LA leading into Choral Eucharist <i>Mark Uglow</i> Come down, O Love Divine <i>William Petter</i> Missa Loquebantur variis linguis <i>Nicholas O'Neill</i>
<b>12.30pm</b> Offertory Motet Hymn	Solemn MassSt Mary of the Angels, Bayswater, W2 5DJA Sound came from Heav'n Douglas MewsFactus est repente Sarah CattleyBreathe on me, breath of God Christopher Upton

-	Choral Evensong St Paul's Cathedral, EC4 8AD Michael Walsh St Paul's Service Peter Gritton Spiritus Domini William Byrd
3.30pm Canticles Anthem	Choral Evensong HM Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace Truro Service <i>Gabriel Jackson</i> Come, Holy Ghost <i>Brian Chapple</i>
5.30pm Responses Canticles Anthem	
6.00pm Introit Responses Canticle Anthem	Choral Evensong Hampstead Parish Church, NW3 6UU Te lucis ante terminum <i>Ed McCauley</i> <i>William Petter</i> Nunc Dimittis <i>Marco Galvani</i> ${\not\leftarrow}$ Glossolalia <i>Peter Foggitt</i>
6.00pm Introit Responses Canticles Anthem Organ	

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