

Special Interest Day

The Music of Westminster Abbey and St Paul's Cathedral

by Patrick Craig

Tuesday 11th November 2025

Waldringfield Village Hall IP12 4QP

Registration & coffee 10am

Lectures begin at 10.30am

COST £35pp (coffee/tea on arrival, finger buffet lunch with glass of wine or soft drink)



Patrick Craig is a Vicar Choral at St Paul's Cathedral. For twenty years he combined this work with an international career, singing over a thousand concerts with the renowned early music consort The Tallis Scholars and the award-winning group The Cardinall's Musick. He founded and conducts the leading all-female professional choir, Aurora Nova, and has conducted concerts at the BBC Proms, the Aldeburgh Festivals and for the City of London Sinfonia. As a Cambridge history graduate he places music in its historical and cultural context. In the Covid pandemic, Patrick poured all his experience into online presentations which raised vital funds for the Help Musicians Charity.



Our lectures today will include some relevant excerpts of music

1. Resurgam - The story of the last two St Paul's Cathedrals on Ludgate Hill and their musical development will focus on the Great Fire of London and Wren's masterpiece, with music by Phillips, Stainer and Howells.
2. Purcell - The musical story of Westminster Abbey from its monastic origins to its hosting of coronations. This will focus on the music of Henry Purcell, his teachers and successors including Blow and Gibbons.
3. Majesty - Musical highlights from the Royal attended services at St Paul's and Westminster Abbey in Patrick's lifetime with music from Parry, Handel and Britten.

BOOKING OPENS IN SEPTEMBER Booking forms will be available by email, from the website (Documents section), or from the organiser at the lectures.

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