

Byrd, *Miserere mei* and penitential motets

A Choral Workshop directed by David Allinson

Sunday 26 February 2023, 10.45am for 11.15am

St. Gregory's Centre for Music, North Holmes Road, Canterbury. CT1 1ND

David Allinson's second self-run Canterbury early music workshop.

Following the success of the Lenten choral day in 2021, which focused on the music of Thomas Tallis, this workshop showcases beautiful music by his younger colleague and friend William Byrd, who died 400 years ago in 1623.

Numbers will be limited to 56, which should ensure comfortable and safe distancing. Ventilation will be maintained in St Greg's, so please dress warmly if it's a cold day!

One of England's greatest composers, William Byrd survived and even thrived in a time of religious and political upheaval, writing music of the highest quality in every genre except the madrigal. As this workshop falls a few days after Ash Wednesday, our programme is penitential, expressive and impassioned. From the solemn ritual of *Memento homo*, a setting of the words uttered by the priest on Ash Wednesday, to deeply personal motets such as *Ad Dominum cum tribularer* which seems to articulate the plight of recusant Catholics, Byrd's music is a synthesis of tradition, feeling and conviction. As ever, final choices depend on numbers signing up (especially in the Tenor and Bass parts!).

Interior, St Gregory's Centre for Music

Expected repertoire

Byrd, *Emendemus in melius* a5

Byrd, *Memento homo* a6

Byrd, *Miserere mei* a5

Byrd, *Bow thine ear* a5

Byrd, *Ad Dominum cum tribularer* a8

Music copies: Scores will not be provided on the day. Links to PDFs will be sent out in advance for self-printing. Participants must bring their own copies with them.

(For those unable to print their music, a set of music copies may be ordered for £5, *in advance*. Add to your registration fee.)



Application: make your application using the form here: <https://forms.gle/MqtUjTnzokrBkv4T6>.

Then send your remittance of £22 (£10 for under 25s) by BACS to 'DR D J ALLINSON' 40-20-30 01596586 with reference BYRD WORKSHOP or <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/djallinsonmusic> (once you've entered the amount, choose 'sending to a friend' to avoid charges). If you are unable to make an electronic payment, please email the organiser to confirm where to send your cheque, using davidallinson.choral@gmail.com.

If a place is unavailable because the day is oversubscribed, your fee will be returned. With regret, I am unable to refund fees for cancellations after 15 February. However, if the event is cancelled (e.g.: if the venue closes, or the tutor is sick) ALL fees will be refunded. You can assume the event is going ahead unless you hear otherwise. Please advise me of any changes to your booking as soon as possible so that it doesn't impact on other attendees.

Organiser: David Allinson davidallinson.choral@gmail.com (note this email address must be used for bookings and enquiries).

Timetable: Arrival from 10.45am. (Please do NOT come early). Singing begins at **11.15am** and finishes at **5.30 pm**, with brief comfort breaks and an hour's lunch break at 1.15pm. The timetable is set to allow participants to catch the 9.37 highspeed train from St Pancras and return on the 18.23 from Canterbury West.

Venue: St. Gregory's Centre for Music, North Holmes Road, Canterbury, CT1 1NX. There is free Sunday parking on North Holmes Road and both Canterbury stations are within walking distance. See overleaf for more details. The venue has level access and an accessible toilet.

Lunch: Although St. Gregory's Centre for Music is a 10-minute walk from the centre of Canterbury where there are many places to eat, it may be more convenient to bring your own food. (It is unlikely that any University cafeterias will be open.) *Please note that no drinks or crockery will be provided – please bring your own.*

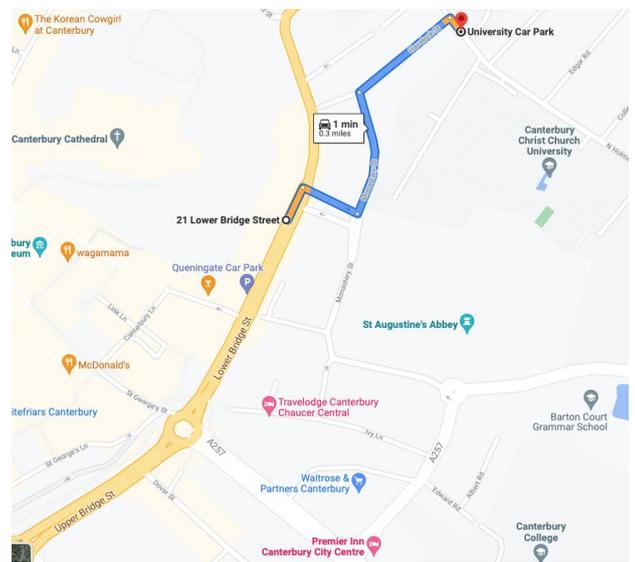
Health: if you have any respiratory symptoms, please do not attend. The space will be ventilated, so please dress for cold draughts.

[Directions to St. Gregory's Centre, Canterbury CT1 1ND](#)

It is recommended that you come by train, or else use a Park and Ride service to the bus station, which is 10 minutes' walk from St Gregory's (New Dover Road may be easiest, via the Bridge exit from the A2). (Note that Sturry Road P&R is closed. All that said, on a Sunday morning you should be able to find free street parking near St Gregory's.

BY ROAD

There is a car park at St Gregory's, but it may be unavailable. (I will negotiate.) On Sunday the street parking along North Holmes Road is free (see map to right for driving route from A28 Broad Street to North Holmes Road). Nearest council car parks are Queningate (expensive, 5 mins' walk) and Longport (slightly cheaper, 9 mins). Other nearby roads with free Sunday parking are Craddock Road and College Road.



Directions: Once you reach Canterbury from London/Ashford, follow 'A28 Margate' round Canterbury's city walls on the ring road. After St George's roundabout the A28 is named Broad Street and becomes a wide single carriageway road again. As the bus lane ends and you approach a pelican crossing, turn right here into Lady Wootton's Green. (There is a small sign for 'St Gregory's Centre for Music'.)

Turn left into Monastery Street. At the end, turn right into Havelock Street. St. Gregory's is now ahead, behind the trees. At the T-junction you have reached North Holmes Road, on which you can park (mainly to the right).

BY TRAIN

For those coming by train, Canterbury is served by two mainline stations. The **highspeed service** from St Pancras to West (54 mins) is strongly recommended, even though West station is a few minutes' walk further away. East has slower, cheaper services (c.90 mins from Victoria). A taxi from either station should cost £6-£8 each way.

Walking directions from Canterbury West:

Go out of the main exit, head left to reach the road, and cross to go down Kirby's Lane.

Bear left (pedestrian-only) and then join Orient Place, turning right towards the white gate.

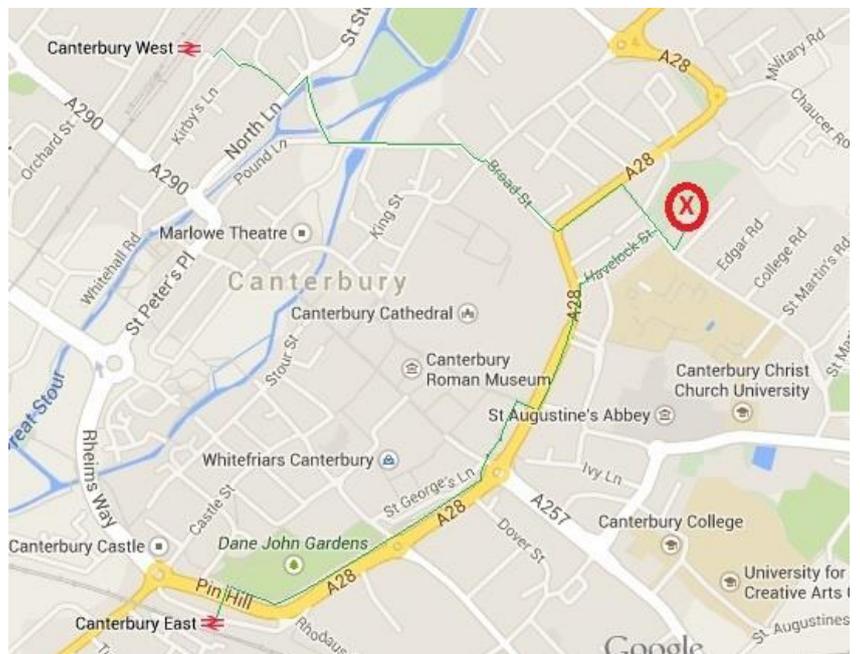
Emerge through the gate onto North Lane, turning left along the pavement but cross the road in order to turn right into The Causeway.

Cross the river and walk alongside river to the end of The Causeway, turning left onto Pound Lane.

Walk straight along Pound Lane, which curves slightly to become St Radigunds Street.

At the end of St Radigunds Street turn left then immediately right into Broad Street.

At the end of Broad St, turn left onto busy Military Road, then cross it and turn right onto the footpath/pedestrianised section of North Holmes Road. St Gregory's is visible ahead and to the left, behind the railings in the graveyard.



Walking directions from Canterbury East:

Emerge from the station and go straight ahead over the pedestrian bridge over the ring road.

Turn right along the top of the city wall, and go straight on (stay high up) until the path drops down, just beyond the bus station (Fenwicks is visible on the left).

Descend, and work your way across the road (to the Wilkinsons side) so that you can continue around the city wall route - but stay above ground and inside the busy ring road on what becomes Burgate Lane.

At the next junction, where a road called Burgate sweeps off to the left into the city, swing right to cross the ring road (here called Lower Bridge Street) at the pelican crossing.

Walk straight along the outside of the ring road, past the Magistrates Court.

Straight on past Lady Wootton's Green on the right.

Take the next right into Havelock Lane. St Gregory's is visible at the end of this road.