

WIMBLEDON
CHORAL SOCIETY

DVOŘÁK

MASS IN D

**WITH SONGS AND POETRY
FROM WW1**

REMEMBERING

1914-15

**CONDUCTOR:
NEIL FERRIS**

**ORGANIST:
MICHAEL HIGGINS**

NARRATOR: EMILY BEVAN

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

Saturday 18th October 2014

St. Anne's Church, 182 St Ann's Hill,
London SW18 2RS

7.30pm

See reverse for booking details



The choir's origins stem from the beginning of the First World War, when, on Saturday 17th October 1914, a large group of Belgian refugees formed a choir to take part in a ceremony on Wimbledon Common called "Salutation to the Belgian" flag, which was followed by the suggestion of a choral concert in honour of Albert, the Belgian King. Notices about the intention of setting up the Choral Society were printed and distributed to thousands of homes in the area with the opening line:

1914
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"A large number of those who formed the Choir... have expressed their desire to maintain their organisation on a permanent basis as a Society for the performance at intervals of important musical works".

The name 'Wimbledon 1914 Choral Society' was adopted and the first concert in March the following year included Dvořák's *Stabat Mater*.

Almost exactly one hundred years later to the day of the first formation of the choir, Wimbledon Choral Society is performing a work by the composer whose music featured in the first concert. Dvořák's *Mass in D* was originally composed for solo voices, chorus and organ and contains some of the loveliest reflective music found in a Mass. The first half of the concert will feature readings from WW1 poems as well as songs from that period.

Part of the Centenary Celebrations are designed to include members of the public and it is hoped that many interested parties will join us when they can.

FUTURE DATES:

Saturday 22nd November 2014 – Come & Sing with Will Todd

Saturday 20th December 2014 – A Christmas Fanfare at Southwark Cathedral

Monday 30th March 2015 – Centenary Concert, Brahms' Requiem at The Royal Festival Hall

Friday 1st May 2015 – A Masterclass with Ian Partridge

Saturday 6th June 2015 – 'A New Dawn' with music by living composers

BOX OFFICE:

Tickets: £16, £10(students)

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