

St Mary & St Giles Church, Stony Stratford  
**From St Georges to St Mary & St Giles**

The Open University Choir joined by Quorum

To include the Gabrielli 12-part 'Magnificat'

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010

7.30 pm



The glorious 12-part 'Magnificat' by Andrea Gabrielli, written for St Mark's Venice, is the principal item in a concert of choral music performed by **The Open University Choir** joined by **Quorum** for their late Spring Concert. The Magnificat, which was originally composed for the galleries of St Mark's Venice, will be sung from the church galleries to surround the audience with sound. Other musical highlights include JS Bach's Jesu, Meine Freude BWV 227, Benjamin Britten's Jubilate Deo and three anthems by William Bowie who was the last organist at St George's Church, Edinburgh before the church was closed and the 'Father' Willis was moved to St Mary & St Giles, Stony Stratford. Apart from the wide range of choral music, the programme will include organ solos from the period in which the instrument was originally built (1882).

The choir will be conducted by Bill Strang, with Paul Daggett playing the organ.

Vouchers cost £10.00 (£8.00 concessions, accompanied under 16's £1.00) and can be purchased from Dai Evans [jandaievans@yahoo.com](mailto:jandaievans@yahoo.com) / 01908 561984, David Scrutton [david@scrutton.co.uk](mailto:david@scrutton.co.uk) / 01908 568036, Anna Page [anna@johnpage.co.uk](mailto:anna@johnpage.co.uk) / 01908 263717.

Alternatively visit Odell's Shop in Stony Stratford or complete the contact form <http://www.smsg-organ-appeal.co.uk/contact.htm> on the organ fund website and put 'OU Choir concert vouchers' in the Message box.

All proceeds from the concert will be devoted to the Church's Willis Pipe Organ Refurbishment Fund.

Further details about the concert can be found at <http://www.smsg-organ-appeal.co.uk/OU-choir.htm>

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The Open University Choir, directed by Bill Strang, is a work-place choir with approximately 80 members, drawn largely from Open University staff and students, but also including singers from the local community. The choir rehearses and performs at lunchtimes at the Open University Campus, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, presenting three main concerts each year. The choir has a reputation for performing a varied repertoire, and includes drawing on research done by members of the Music Department and commissioning and encouraging new work as particular features of its activities.

Quorum is a local chamber choir which specialises in liturgical performances. Quorum's repertoire includes music by English Composers (such as Byrd and Tallis) and Spanish composers. Recently Quorum has expanded its repertoire to include choral music from the 20th and 21st centuries.

Details of the Willis 3 manual organ and the organ appeal can be found at:

[www.smsg-organ-appeal.co.uk](http://www.smsg-organ-appeal.co.uk)

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