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Immanuel's GROUND

Warwick's West Gallery Quire NEWSLETTER

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 22 September 2013 at 5.00 pm

CANONS ASHBY

Harvest Festival Evensong

Immanuel's Ground have been invited by the National Trust to sing Evensong for the Harvest Festival in the Priory Church of St Mary at Canons Ashby, Northamptonshire. This will be at 5.00 pm on Sunday 22 September 2013. We shall also be singing during the afternoon in the church for those Visitors who cannot stay for Service.



Canons Ashby Church

The church will be decorated in traditional style for the Harvest service, which will be based on the traditional form of Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer. The music, however, will be that of the rural country parish church at the turn of the eighteenth century, rather later than what might have been heard in a Priory Church, and rather earlier than the familiar harvest hymns that we shall sing which date rather more from Victorian times and which came to us with *Hymns Ancient & Modern*, and beyond.

The canticles will be by the local composer Joseph Key, who died in Nuneaton in 1784 and who was buried there in St Nicholas's churchyard; little is known locally of him except that he was an Excise man who

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collected taxes on horseback. The Psalms will be Psalm 105, a setting of the 'old' metrical version of Sternhold & Hopkins to the tune 'Milford', and Psalm 107, the 'New' Version by Tate & Brady to the tune 'New Poole'. Both these tunes were composed at about the same time in the late 18th century by the then Clerks to the Unitarian and Anglican churches in Poole, Dorset, Joseph Stephenson and William Knapp respectively.

These are accompanied by a small band of instruments, such as would have been used at services rather than a church organ, an instrument which supplanted the village band by the end of the 19th century. Charles Wesley's rules for singing included the exhortation to "sing loudly and with good courage", so we hope the congregation will be in good voice!



Canons Ashby House

Canons Ashby House is open on Sundays from 11.00 am, with the Service timed to coincide with its closing time of 5.00 pm. For 'sat-navvers' the address and post code is Near Daventry, NN11 3SD.

Facebook and Twitter !

Immanuel's Ground, although firmly based in the 18th and 19th centuries has joined the ranks of modernity, for not only do we have a website, but we have now joined Facebook and Twitter. The links appear with the symbols on the first page of this Newsletter. Please sign up and become a 'Friend', and 'like' the pages! In that way you will also see what events are happening, and what else is going on—even what happened!

2013 — Events and Concerts:

- Saturday, 27 April - Byfield Village Hall - A Day of Music by Local Church Composers, for singers and instrumentalists
- Saturday 4 May - Changing Scenes of Life - Concert at Aston-sub-Edge, Glos.
- Saturday 29 June 13th - Rumpus, Riot & Rebellion at Northgate Church, Warwick
- Saturday / Sunday 27 / 28 July - Warwick Folk Festival
- Saturday 17 August - Sanctuary at Southam, Warwickshire
- Saturday 31 August 2012 - Oxford Church Visitation (all day)
- Sunday 22 September - Evensong at Canons Ashby, Northamptonshire
- Saturday 9 November - Sing Birmingham 2013! at Hall Green, Birmingham
- Saturday, 28 December 2013 - all day Carols at the Cross Tree Inn, Byfield

Visitors are always welcome at any of these event, but please check the website for times, dates and joining instructions ! Practices are at 8pm on 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays in the month, usually (but not always) at Northgate Methodist Church Hall in Warwick. Please let the Editor know if you would like to attend. For the December 28th Carols Day there will be a lunch menu on the website; Bookings by December 15th, please, as places are limited to 55 for lunch.



Saturday 9 November 2013 at 10.00 am

The Church of the Ascension, Hall Green, Birmingham, B28 8JD.

Sing Birmingham 2013!

A Third Celebration of West Gallery Music

On Saturday 9 November 2013 we are hosting a day-long Workshop of west gallery music and carols written by both local and national church composers. Especially for singers and instrumentalists, this is 4-part harmony, but time will be taken to rehearse and familiarise the parts for those with little or no knowledge of reading music. Cost is £10 per head, to include light refreshments and music, and we ask you to bring a plate of prepared food which does not require heating, to share at lunch-time. Further details on Page 4.

Church Visitation within the Diocese of Oxford

This year the Visitation falls on Saturday 31 August 2014, and the five churches to be visited during the day are Great Tew (10.00 am), Nether Worton (11.20 am), Duns Tew (2.00 pm), Over Worton (3.00 pm), and Sandford St Martin (5.15 pm). You are very welcome to come and listen, and there might be spare music if you are interested in joining in! Lunch will be at the White Horse Inn at Duns Tew at 12.45 pm.

RECENT EVENTS

Rumpus, Riot & Rebellion at Northgate Church, Warwick

Our new production of this name was first produced at Northgate Methodist Church in Warwick on 29 June. Life in recession-hit 21st century Britain might be tough, but the reign of George III saw hardships of an altogether darker complexion. With the country almost constantly at war, hunger and the threat of invasion was part and parcel of everyday life for the common man. Meanwhile, in the over-taxed colonies of New England, other trouble was brewing, and it wasn't just tea ...

If you missed this new production a synopsis can be found on our website at <http://www.immanuelsground.com/synopses/rumpus2013.htm>

Saturday 17 August - Sanctuary at Southam

Some 40 people came to Southam to sing the sort of music that was sung in rural churches at the time of the Civil War, together with other pieces which might have been sung at home or in the ale house. This Workshop was followed by a short concert, given by Immanuel's Ground, all of whom took the part of known local inhabitants of some 150 years later in time, who reminisced about what they had heard their grand-parents say concerning the time of the Civil War, and how life had changed. Workshop attendees also had the opportunity to sing again what they had rehearsed beforehand.





SingBirmingham! 2013

Following the great success of the 2007 musical workshop '*Sing Birmingham! - A Celebration of West Gallery Music*', and the follow-up workshop in 2009 '*Sing Birmingham! - West Gallery Carols and Anthems*', this new workshop is brought to you by [Immanuel's Ground](http://www.immanuelsground.com) in collaboration with the [West Gallery Music Association](http://www.westgallerymusic.org) and the [Diocese of Birmingham](http://www.dioceseofbirmingham.org).

Supported by the [Royal School of Church Music](http://www.royalschoolofchurchmusic.org), the 2013 *Sing Birmingham!* event will again be a workshop of West Gallery Music and is open to singers and instrumentalists who would like to spend a day finding out more about this uniquely British form of music.

As well as favourites from this genre of 18th- and 19th-century church music, the Workshop will include settings of psalms and anthems written by both town and country composers, including some from Birmingham itself.

Saturday 9th November 2013

10:00 am to 4:30 pm

**The Church of the Ascension
Hall Green
Birmingham, B28 8JD**

Cost £10.00 to include music and light refreshments

**Please bring a plate or bowl of cold food,
ready to serve, for the Bring and Share Lunch**

Please download and complete an [application form](#) from the website and send with cheque payable to Immanuel's Ground to:

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See our web page at <http://www.immanuelsground.com/SingBirmingham2013.htm>

Also on facebook at : <https://www.facebook.com/events/345435148892289>

Sing Birmingham 2013!

SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2013

A warm invitation is extended to join in a day of West Gallery music with one or two carols and an anthem thrown in. The cost will be £10 per person. A book of music and light refreshments will be provided. But please bring a savoury or sweet dish, cold food only, and ready to serve at the shared lunch in the adjoining hall.

The day's singing and playing will be held at **The Church of the Ascension, Hall Green, B28 8JD**, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.30 p.m., doors opening at 9.30 a.m. for coffee. There is local on-street car-parking, and maps to get there can be provided. A link to a map is provided on the website.

Numbers of singers and instrumentalists are not limited, but no heavy E_b instruments please, as these are very out of character for the period.

To allow for printing and to enable the production of music books, please return your completed booking form no later than **Wednesday, 30th October 2013**. Individual pieces of music for prior practice will be available from the beginning of October on the website at

<http://www.immanuelsground.com/sb13music.htm>

Name: Tel:

Address: E-mail:

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No. of places required @£10 per person..... Total £

[Cheques made payable to Immanuel's Ground Quire, please]

Please give names of all those for whom this booking is made:

..... Voice (SAT or B?) or instrument (please indicate)

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[Viola / B_b / E_b] part book required? Please circle as appropriate.

Please complete and return this form, together with a cheque made payable to
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(If you require a receipt, please enclose an s.a.e.)