



**Whitehall Choir**  
presents



# Music and Readings for Choir and Audience

CONDUCTOR Paul Spicer ORGANIST James Longford



INCLUDING There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth (Mendelssohn)  
In Dulci Jubilo (Bach) and other selections from the choir's critically acclaimed  
Christmas CD • PLUS traditional carols • Organ music and readings

**TUESDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2009, 7.30PM**  
**ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, ROCHESTER ROW, SW1**

**Entry includes wine and mince pies**  
£10 by programme on the door  
(£5, under-18s and full-time students). **Doors open at 7pm**

## Whitehall Choir

The Whitehall Choir's high standards are reflected not just in the wonderful sound it creates in several concerts each year but also in the number of new singers wishing to join. Members share a strong commitment to the choir and, in addition to attending weekly rehearsals, take part in occasional tours abroad, singing workshops, and Come and Sing events. The choir is a friendly group, and prizes this as highly as singing sensitively and accurately. We rehearse on Tuesday evenings in the Victoria area. Enquiries from potential new members in all voice parts are welcome. Entry to the choir is by a short audition, usually after attending one or two rehearsals. For details visit [whitehallchoir.org.uk](http://whitehallchoir.org.uk), or call Richard Grafen on 020 7215 5323 (daytime only). Whitehall Choir is a registered charity, no. 280478.

## Whitehall Choir Recordings

**FAIREST FLOWER OF ANY FIELD - Music for the Season of Christmas**  
**BRUCKNER Mass in E minor and PAUL SPICER Deciduous Cross**  
Recorded in 2009 and 2007 respectively, both CDs are available at [whitehallchoir.org.uk](http://whitehallchoir.org.uk).

## Future Concerts and Events

**Friday, 15 January 2010, BRAHMS German Requiem** with the Brandenburg Sinfonia, St Martin-in-the-Fields, London WC2, 7.30pm. Visit [stmartin-in-the-fields.org](http://stmartin-in-the-fields.org).

**Monday, 22 March 2010, POULENC Chansons Françaises and PUCGINI Messa di Gloria** (pianist: James Longford), Banqueting House, SW1, 7pm. Visit [hrp.org.uk/BanquetingHouse/WhatsOn/TheWhitehallChoir](http://hrp.org.uk/BanquetingHouse/WhatsOn/TheWhitehallChoir).

For further details of these and future Whitehall Choir events, also visit [whitehallchoir.org.uk](http://whitehallchoir.org.uk).

## Paul Spicer

Paul Spicer began his musical training as a chorister at New College, Oxford. He studied with Herbert Howells and Richard Popplewell (organ) at the Royal College of Music in London, winning the Walford Davies Organ Prize in his final year. As well as the Whitehall Choir, Paul conducts the Birmingham Bach Choir and the chamber choirs at the Birmingham Conservatoire where, in addition to Oxford University, he teaches choral conducting. He founded the Finzi Singers in 1984, with whom he made 15 CDs for Chandos records. Paul is in great demand, too, as a recording producer and as a composer. *Classical Music* magazine proclaimed his latest work, *Advent Oratorio*, as “musically exciting” and “spiritually intense”. Visit [paulspicer.com](http://paulspicer.com) for more information.

## James Longford

James studied piano and organ at the Royal College of Music, winning the Tagore Gold Medal, the Walford Davies Organ Prize and all the accompaniment prizes. He was organ scholar at St Martin-in-the-Fields and a RCM Junior Fellow before embarking on a freelance career as a pianist. James has played at many major venues, including the Barbican Hall, Wigmore Hall, Royal Opera, Royal Festival Hall, Purcell Room, and is one half of the longfordbrown piano duo, recently giving two acclaimed performances of Poulenc's Concerto for two pianos at Wiltshire Music Centre. Visit [jameslongford.com](http://jameslongford.com) and [longfordbrown.com](http://longfordbrown.com) for more information.