

# WHITEHALL CHOIR

## *Vaughan Williams*

Five Mystical Songs • Five English Folk Songs

Lord, thou hast been our refuge

Valiant for Truth

Conductor  
**Paul Spicer**

Organ & Piano  
**Ian Tindale**

Baritone **Henry Neill**  
Trumpet **Soo Bishop**



Thursday, 9 July 2015, 7.30 pm

St Peter's Eaton Square  
London SW1W 9AL

Tickets £15 from [www.whitehallchoir.org.uk](http://www.whitehallchoir.org.uk) or from a Whitehall Choir member.



# Whitehall Choir



Under its Musical Director, Paul Spicer, the Whitehall Choir, now in its 71st season, aspires to the highest standards of performance in all its concerts. Members share a strong commitment and, besides attending weekly rehearsals on Tuesday evenings during the academic year in central London, take part in recordings, occasional tours abroad and choral workshops. The choir is a friendly group and new members in all voice parts are welcome. Admission is by a short audition, usually after two or three rehearsals. For more details about the choir and future concerts, visit [www.whitehallchoir.org.uk](http://www.whitehallchoir.org.uk); also follow us on Facebook and Twitter or email [joinus@whitehallchoir.org.uk](mailto:joinus@whitehallchoir.org.uk). Whitehall Choir is a registered charity, number 280478.

## Other Whitehall Choir concerts this year

**Tuesday, 17 November 2015, 7pm Handel's Athalia**  
St John's Smith Square, London SW1P 3HA

**Monday, 14 December 2015, 7.30pm Christmas Music and Readings**  
St Peter's Eaton Square, London SW1W 9AL

**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. This is Paul's 15th season with the Whitehall Choir; he also conducts the Birmingham Bach Choir and the chamber choirs of Birmingham Conservatoire, where he teaches choral conducting as he does also at Oxford University. In 1984 he founded the Finzi Singers with whom he made 15 CDs for Chandos. Paul is in great demand, too, as a recording producer and as a composer. In September 2014 Paul Spicer's *Unfinished Remembering*, a choral symphony commemorating the centenary of the First World War, was performed to great acclaim at Birmingham Symphony Hall. His latest book, *Sir George Dyson – His Life and Music*, was published by Boydell & Brewer in May 2014.

**Ian Tindale** graduated with Distinction from the Master of Performance course in Piano Accompaniment at the Royal College of Music (RCM) in 2013, where he was then Junior Fellow in Piano Accompaniment. Ian has won Accompanist's Prizes in the Kathleen Ferrier Awards, the Royal Overseas League Competition and the Maggie Teyte Competition; he is also a Samling Artist. As a répétiteur Ian has worked with British Youth Opera, Cambridge Handel Opera and Ryedale Festival Opera. He has also performed with the BBC Symphony and London Philharmonic Orchestras. Ian joined the Whitehall Choir as its accompanist in January 2013.

**St Peter's Eaton Square**, [www.stpetereatonsquare.co.uk](http://www.stpetereatonsquare.co.uk), is a short walk from Victoria Tube, train and coach stations. On-street parking is available after 6.30pm. **The choir is delighted to announce that from September its weekly rehearsals will be held at St Peter's.**

**Portrait** of Ralph Vaughan Williams (overleaf) by Sir Gerald Festus Kelly, 1952.