

Temenos chamber choir

PARIS 1924

Featuring composers working in Paris in 1924
including Fauré, Widor, Poulenc and Duruflé

Saturday 25 May 2024 at 7.30pm

St Luke's Church, Eardley Rd

Sevenoaks TN13 1XT

Patrick Craig *conductor*

James Orford *organ*



Tickets £15 (£7 students)

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Paris 1924 - the cultural capital of Europe as the Olympics rolled into town on their chariots of fire, distracting the world from the miseries of the Great War.



Music was still dominated by the senior composers in their organ lofts - **Vierne** at Notre-Dame, **Widor** and **Dupré** at Saint-Sulpice, **Fauré** and **Dubois** at La Madeleine. But a new cohort of composers were developing their skills in Paris including **Poulenc** and **Durufié**, and the younger generation of **Messiaen**, **Alain** and **Langlais**. They would learn from these organists, but also be inspired by the greatest music educator of the age: **Nadia Boulanger**. Meanwhile, the Russians were there too, revolutionising ballet - Diaghilev, Nijinsky and **Stravinsky**.

Temenos will celebrate this rich cultural scene in a programme of sacred music for choir and organ.

Music Director **Patrick Craig** is a countertenor, lecturer and conductor. He began conducting when he was Organ Scholar in Cambridge, where he founded *Aurora Nova*, the first all-female professional choir to lead the services in St Paul's Cathedral, where he is a Vicar Choral.

He is a member of *The Cardinal's Musick*, and sang a thousand concerts with *The Tallis Scholars*. He is much in demand as a lecturer and leader of choral workshops across Britain and Europe.

James Orford is a prize-winning organist and pianist based in London. He is currently the Organist and Director of Music at St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge. He completed organ scholarships in St Paul's and Truro Cathedrals, and enjoys a busy performing schedule as a soloist and recitalist, including performing Messiaen's *La Nativité* at Westminster Cathedral.

To find out more about Temenos, including how to join, please go to www.temenos-chamberchoir.org.uk

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