

7.30 pm Saturday
15 March 2014
All Saints' Church
Weston Green
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Bach

A CALENDAR OF CANTATAS

the
RIPIENO
choir

– including *Jesu, joy of
man's desiring*, *Sleepers
wake!* and *In dulci jubilo*

The Ripieno Choir
Chameleon Arts
Baroque Ensemble
conducted by
David Hansell

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Bach's cantatas – written while he was Cantor at Leipzig between 1723 and 1750 – are much admired but little performed. During this time, Bach devoted himself to composing five complete sets of music for the principal Sunday services through the year (approximately sixty cantatas per year). Many would argue that Bach's musical soul is to be found in these cantatas – after all, their performances dominated his life for twenty-seven years. The cantatas were performed before the sermon at the *Hauptgottesdienst* (principal Divine service) and typically begin with an elaborate chorus and end with a richly harmonised hymn.

In this programme, we will sample seventeen cantatas, including a raid on *Christmas Oratorio* for its New Year music, and perform them in the order in which they appear in the liturgical year. We will also include two of his most timeless melodies – *Sleepers wake!* and *Jesu, joy of man's desiring*, music based on the much-loved *Passion Chorale* and Bach's setting of *In dulci jubilo*.

Many of these pieces are rarely performed live, making this a special opportunity to appreciate the full depth of Bach's genius.

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