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Ein Kind ist uns geboren
Motets of Heinrich Schütz
with James Weeks



In 1648 Heinrich Schütz, his pre-eminence well established across his native Germany, published his Geistliche Chor-Musik, a collection of motets for 5-7 voices of striking beauty as well as unimpeachable technique. He intended the collection as an admonishment to his flashier younger colleagues of the traditional Germanic value of true counterpoint, as well as being, in its practicality and singability, a religious-musical monument around which the German nation could rally after the debilitating Thirty Years' War.

For this workshop we will attempt a selection of motets from this sublime collection (including several seasonal pieces), and if numbers allow, add a few larger-scale works from the earlier, polychoral Psalmen Davids (1619).

James Weeks is well known to NEEMF. As well as his strong interest in music of the Middle Ages, Renaissance and early Baroque, he is also a composer and conductor specialising in new music. Having helped found **EXAUDI** , now regarded as one of the world's leading vocal ensembles for new music in 2002, in 2006 he co-founded the ensemble Kürbis with the composer Claudia Molitor, dedicated to the performance of contemporary and experimental chamber music. Since October 2017 he is Associate Professor of Composition at Durham University.

This is vocal music, but supremely versatile, so any and all early baroque instruments at 440 (except trumpets and shawms) will be able to join the vocal lines.

WHEN **Saturday 11th December 2021** 10.00 am for 10.30am start. It ends at 4.30 pm.
please bring your own refreshments and lunch, or use local cafés, etc

WHERE St Hilda's Church, Thornleigh Rd, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 3ET For directions see overleaf

COST £18. Entirely dependent on state benefits £9. Students free of charge

NOW . . . Complete the form below (or download from www.neemf.org.uk). Closing date: 27 November (to allow for preparation of scores, parts, etc) If, having booked, you are unable to use the place, **please inform us asap**. More info/queries: to Alice Brunton, alice@alices.org.uk 07505148982

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Motets of Heinrich Schütz, James Weeks, 11 December 2021 **Application Form**

Please book online or return the completed form, with your cheque made payable to "NEEMF", to:

Alice Brunton 13 Lily Crescent, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 2SP by 27 November 2021

Name and address (with postcode please) ....

....Postcode ....

Email ____ Tel: _________________________________

I wish to play:________________________ (*indicate instrument(s*) approx level *(eg starter, pro, student)* _________

or I wish to sing: ________________________ *(voice)* I would be able to sing solo (if required) ☐

Please also tell us if you have any special requirements (eg large print, transpositions or clefs preferred, etc):

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We will email a receipt. If you prefer, we can post an acknowledgement/receipt for which I enclose a stamped SAE ☐

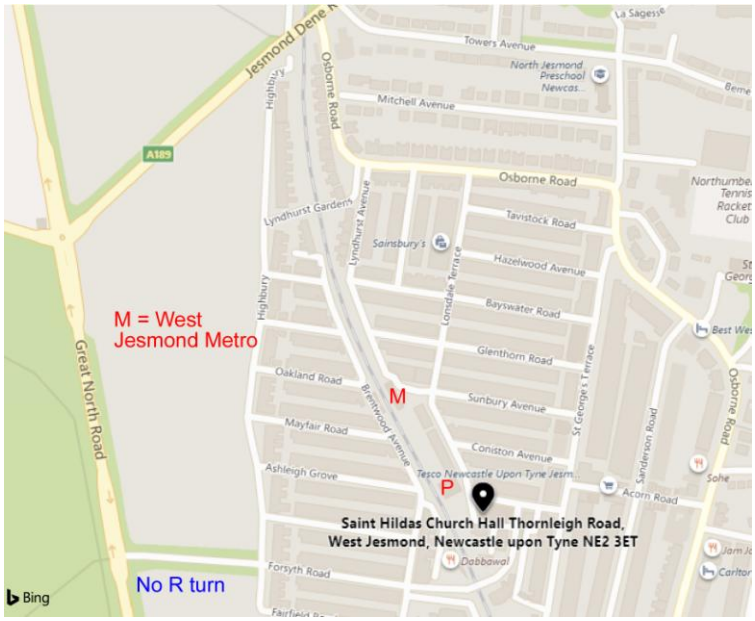
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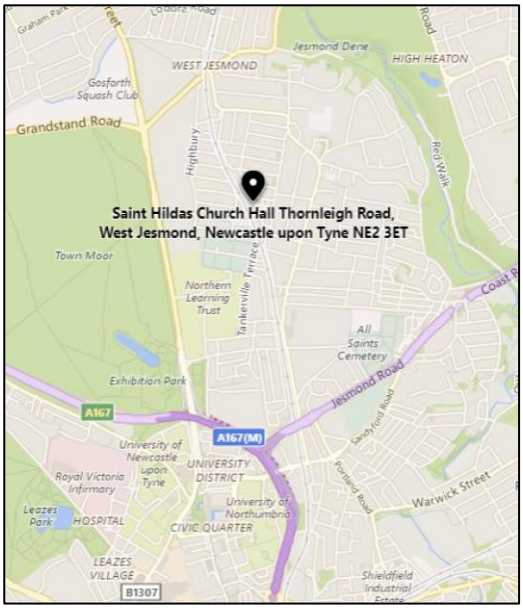
Is this your first workshop? If so, we will try to arrange a welcomer to meet you. Yes / No

For non-members of NEEMF: May we email you occasionally? Your email address will not be shared with anyone. Yes / No

Signed ___________________________________ Date __________________

Map & directions: St Hilda's Church Hall, Thornleigh Road, West Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 3ET. It is a few minutes walk from West Jesmond metro station. Metro trains run every 5-6 minutes from Central Station. St Hilda's is close to Jesmond centre, with cafés and Tesco / Sainsbury very close by. Cars can be parked in the British Legion car park next door to the church for a small donation. Driving from the North south down the Great North Road, cross the Blue House roundabout (where it crosses Grandstand Road, the A189) and turn left at the lights onto Forsyth Road. ** Follow that road over the metro line and turn left into Thornleigh Road. The British Legion car park is straight ahead and St Hilda's is on your left. Driving from the South, take the central motorway A167 over the Tyne Bridge, you can take the Great North Road north to Gosforth, do a U turn round the Blue House roundabout (where the Gt North Road crosses the A189) coming back towards the south, turn left into Forsyth Rd.





COVID precautions: to help to protect everyone, we ask that you:

- read and abide by our Covid policy. This can be found on our website; in the most recent NEEMF newsletter or can be sent to you on request
- whether vaccinated or not, take a lateral flow test the day before the workshop
- Please do not attend if you feel at all unwell

Please note: The NEEMF half-price pensioner concession is only for pensioners whose SOLE source of income is the state pension. Pensioners who live on a combination of occupational and state pensions pay the full workshop rate.