



## St Paul's (Knightsbridge) Festival Choir and Friends

### Spring 2012 Choral Workshop

on

### Sprig of Thyme – John Rutter

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
10am – 4pm

**Led by Nick Danks**

**At Francis Holland School, Chelsea**  
**Entrance in Bourne Street at the Carmel Hall adjacent to**  
**35 Bourne Street**



Nearest Tube: Sloane Square  
Train: Victoria  
Buses to Sloane Square pass  
near by

#### **Workshop fee: £20**

To include coffee & biscuits at breaktime, and wine or soft drink at  
lunchtime – please bring a picnic lunch with you.

#### **Music Hire: £2**

Please let us know of your attendance by 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

For more information and to book your place, contact:

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Come and join us for a fun and entertaining day. We will work *The Sprig of Thyme* by John Rutter, a collection of British traditional songs, and also spend time working on technique including sound production, resonance and diction.

All singing abilities welcome, but you should be able to sight-read music. Music will be available 10 days in advance.

**Nicholas Danks** was born in Harrow, Middlesex in 1974 into a family of professional musicians. He began learning the piano at an early age, later taking up the organ and cello. In 1993 Nicholas won an organ scholarship and a place to read music at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. On graduating in 1996 Nicholas became Assistant Organist at St Martin-in-the-Fields, beginning an association of 12 years with this church. In 2001 Nicholas was promoted to the position of Director of Music at St Martin's. In this role he assumed responsibility for all aspects of the sacred music of the church- directing the Choir and Choral Scholars of St Martin's for many BBC Broadcasts and recordings. In September 2008 Nicholas left St Martin's to pursue a freelance musical career, including the part-time post of Director of Music at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, looking after all aspects of practical music-making in college.

In addition he teaches for the University's Music Faculty and, this year, is also Acting Director of Studies in Music at Corpus. Nicholas lives in North Cornwall, with his wife Caroline, where he runs a local community choir - The Crackington Choristers - plays for several local churches and teaches singing and organ, as well as finding time to attempt to learn to surf! Nicholas has been Assistant Director of the St Paul's Knightsbridge Festival Choir since 2000.

