



Friday May 3, 2024, 12.30pm
Simon Earl organ

CONCERTS in the ROUND

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Fiesta

Emma Louise Diemer born 1927

Elegy

Malcolm Archer born 1952

Prelude and Fugue in C major BWV547

Bach 1685 - 1750

Fantasia on 'Sumer is a comin in'

Ghislaine Reece-Trapp born 1992

Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy

Tchaikovsky 1840 - 1893 *arr Feibel*

Festival Toccat

Denis Bedard born 1950

Simon Earl is the Director of Music, Organist and Master of the Choristers at Christchurch Priory, a position he has held since February 2015. In this role, his principal responsibilities are the training, recruitment and development of the five choirs that currently sing for services in the Priory, as well as oversight of all concerts, Festivals and other musical events in the Priory.

Brought up and educated in Surrey, he received his formative musical training as a chorister and later Assistant Organist at his local parish church. He held Organ Scholarships at Southwell Minster (2005/06), Newcastle Cathedral (2006-2009), St John's College, Durham (2008/09) and Guildford Cathedral (2009/10) and read for a degree in Music at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, where he specialised in organ performance and choral conducting.

Between 2011 and 2015 he was Assistant Director of Music at Wakefield Cathedral, where he accompanied and directed the weekly cycle of services, and toured, broadcast and recorded regularly with the Cathedral Choirs.

Simon is Musical Director of The Grange Choral Society. He maintains a busy recital schedule, is an examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music and is regularly invited to lead and accompany choral events in the UK and abroad. He holds the Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists diploma, and his first solo CD - Roulade - was released in September 2019, which celebrates the music of English and American composers and organists.

In any spare time, Simon enjoys cooking and experimenting with all things culinary, as well as kayaking and paddleboarding.

Next week: Organ recital by Richard Walker St Chad's