

## Forthcoming Events

### A Summer Feast in St Alkmunds as part of the Shrewsbury Food Festival Weekend

**Saturday 29 June 2013 at 7.30pm**

Sacred and secular music including the performance of the winning items in the Phoenix Composers' Competition followed by a reception for choir and audience.

The music will be fun and versatile, with audience participation with an emphasis on the gourmet and the delights of a rich diet.

St Alkmund's Church Shrewsbury

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### Choral French Masterpieces

**Saturday 30 November 2013 at 7.30pm**

Our Autumn Concert features some of the best of French 20th century choral music....

- **Langlais' Messe Solennelle** is a work that audiences never forget: beautiful sensuous melodies, classical fugues and some wonderful climactic moments - all within 18 minutes! You will hear the renovated St Chad's organ in all its glory, played by former Cambridge Organ Scholar Allan Walker.
- **Durufié's Requiem** is well-known as a "sister" piece to Fauré's setting. They share the same layout, but Durufié's has more drama, and some marvellous harmony - particularly in the haunting In Paradisum which ends the work.
- **Poulenc's Litanies à la Vierge Noire** are for ladies' voices and organ, and were written after the death of a close friend. It is a deeply personal setting, and is the Phoenix Singers' celebration of the 50th anniversary of the composer's death.

Also included are some short motets by **Pierre Villette**. He was a pupil of Durufié, and his works have been widely performed in the UK, not least at the broadcast Christmas services from King's College, Cambridge. It is appealing music, and the audience will really enjoy the flowing melodies, rich harmonies and contemplative mood of these motets.

St Chad's Church has the finest organ for miles around, together with a generous acoustic. The Phoenix Singers will sound at their very best at this concert - so don't miss it!

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