

QUIDAM

Singing, music, lectures and art at St Peter's Church, Hammersmith, W6 9BE

Friday 1st February | 7.00pm

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mindful music in peaceful places a free concert with retiring collection



Sound | Space is an immersive presentation of music and meditation designed to focus the mind and relax the body. Soprano Laura Wright, guitarist John Bailey and percussionist Lauren Kosty blend folk songs, classical preludes and early sacred music. The performance will also feature a live guided meditation by yoga therapist, Tatum De Roeck. Featuring the music of JS Bach, Gounod and Hildegard Von Bingen.

Soprano - Laura Wright | Guitar - John Bailey | Percussion - Lauren Kosty | Meditation - Tatum De Roeck

Thursday 7th February | 8.15pm |

suggested £10 donation / students free

‘In Discussion’ with Victoria McDonald

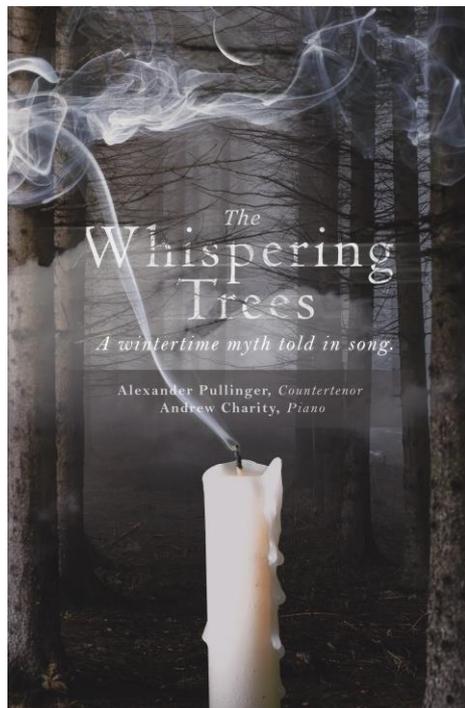
The tensions currently seen between the rural and the metropolitan populations of the UK.

David Goodhart is Head of Policy Exchange's Demography, Immigration, and Integration Unit, and Director of the Integration Hub website. He is a former Director of Demos, and former Editor of *Prospect* magazine, which he founded in 1995. David is a prominent figure in public debate in the UK, as a well-known broadcaster, author, commentator, and journalist. He was a correspondent for the *Financial Times*, including a stint in Germany during the unification period. In 2013, he published *The British Dream*, a book about post-war multiculturalism, national identity, and immigration. In 2017 he published *The Road to Somewhere: The Populist Revolt and the Future of Politics* - a *Sunday Times* best-seller.



Saturday 23rd February | 7.30pm | £15 (£10/£5 conc)

The Whispering Trees – A Winter Recital



A very beautiful and atmospheric recital by Alex Pullinger, countertenor, and Andrew Charity on piano, with visual elements by Christian Hey. The performance will be staged by candlelight with scenic elements.

It depicts a singer who has disappeared during his previous recital. We first encounter him lost in a mysterious wood, cold and alone, gradually forgetting his origins and clinging to music in the darkness. By the end, he has transcended the human realm to become an ethereal Jack Frost figure.

The programme will include songs by Purcell, Britten, Ravel, Quilter, Dowland, Warlock and Vaughan Williams.

Alex Pullinger is a freelance countertenor and singing teacher, based in London. **Andrew Charity** is a freelance conductor/pianist and singing teacher/coach. He is also resident conductor of madrigal singing at RADA.

Friday 8th March | 7.30pm | £15

Nowruz Evening | Persian Music and Poetry



A feast of Persian music and poetry to herald the festival of Nowruz which celebrates the coming of the Spring Solstice and the Persian New Year! As well as the music and poetry, we will share a selection of Persian food and drink.

Dr Peyman Heydarian is an internationally renowned classical musician. Peyman's main instrument is the santur, a beautifully resonant dulcimer played with felt hammers, and forerunner of the harpsichord. For more than thirty years Peyman has performed solo santur recitals all over the world including Iran, USA, Syria, Jordan, Turkey, Greece, Italy, Hong Kong, Poland, and the UK.

For our first ever Nowruz celebration, Peyman will perform solo santur and daf, as well as accompanying Roshan Ravan and Saara Hasan as they perform poems in Farsi (with English translations) by poets such as Rumi, Hafez and Saadi and a range of contemporary and traditional Persian folk songs.



Friday 29th March | 7.30pm

'Forget-Me-Not' Recital

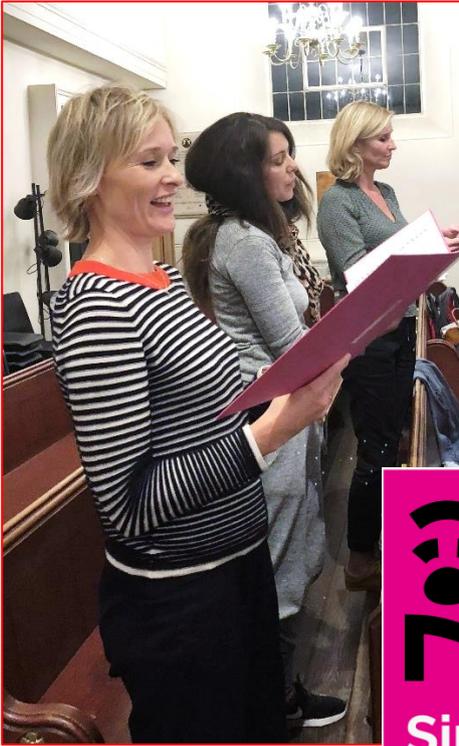
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Mother's Day on Sunday 31st March is a special time of the year for many of us as we show our love and appreciation for our mums who are at the heart of our whole family. But for those of us who have lost our mothers – perhaps recently or many years ago - it is a day of quiet reflection and we may look for a different expression of gratitude for all that they gave us. For the second year running we are dedicating the Forget-Me-Not song recital to the memory of our mothers and grandmothers whom we love but see no more. This time we will be holding the recital in the evening to allow more people to attend.

If you would like to sponsor a song in memory of a loved one, please contact us on **QuidamW6@gmail.com** We are asking for a minimum donation of £30 per song which will go to support the Quidam W6 Lunchtime Recital programme.

St Peter's Church Mother's Day service is always very special and joyful; full of children and flowers. Do come and join us on Sunday 31st March at 10.30am. We'd love to see you there.



www.singwest.co.uk

'SingWest' is an informal choir, now in its second year at St Peter's, which meets weekly: singing contemporary, gospel and choral music. We also host a young people's singing group called 'SingWest Jnr'. Both choirs are open, inclusive and relaxed. None of us are especially talented vocalists, some of us are genuinely awful. But we've found the life-affirming and restorative power of music is an amazing antidote to the stress and routine of everyday life and we think everyone should experience it. There is no pressure, you will not be required to sing a solo, it's easy to hide at the back and laugh - you will never feel self-conscious or embarrassed.

Sing West meet between 7.30pm and 9pm on Mondays
Sing West Jnr meet between 5.15pm and 6.15pm on Mondays

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The Quidam programme has been running at St Peter's Church for just over a year and we have been delighted to see so many people attending our activities, concerts, discussions and films. We have some very exciting events planned for 2019 so do look out for information and get the dates in your diaries. If you know anyone who would be interested in attending a future Quidam event, who might wish to receive the newsletter via email, do pass on our details. If you have any comments or suggestions, please drop us a line at quidamw6@gmail.com