

7:00pm
Wednesday
6 October 2021



Gabriel Fauré
REQUIEM

The London Chorus
Conductor: Ronald Corp

Soprano: Eiry Price
Baritone: Jolyon Loy
Organ: Edward Batting

With additional music by
Henry Purcell and Gabriel Fauré

Tickets: £10, from londonchorus.org.uk/event/faure-requiem/

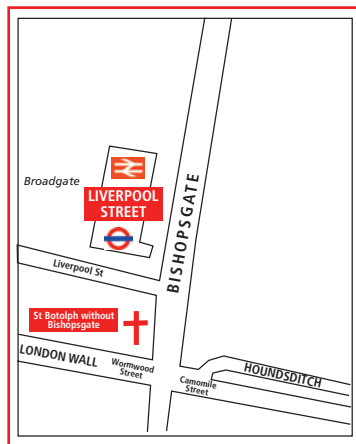
**St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
Bishopsgate London EC2M 3TL**

An early evening concert by The London Chorus

St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate, hard by Liverpool Street station, is the splendid venue for The London Chorus' first performance in 2021.

On Wednesday 6 October, the choir will perform *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré, under the direction of Ronald Corp, their renowned musical director and conductor.

In addition, the choir will sing Fauré *Cantique de Jean Racine*, and two pieces by Henry Purcell. Soprano Eiry Price and baritone Jolyon Loy will sing favourite arias. A perfect way to start a mid-week evening. The concert lasts 75 minutes.



St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate

Christian worship has probably been offered on this site since Roman times. The original Saxon church is first mentioned as "Sancti Botolfi Extra Bishopsgate" in 1212.

Although the church survived the Great Fire of London (1666), St Botolph's had by the early eighteenth century fallen into disrepair and was demolished in 1725.

The present church was completed in 1729 to the designs of James Gould. It is aisled and galleried in the classic style, and is unique among the City churches in having its tower at the East End. The font, pulpit and organ all date from the eighteenth century.

The parish registers, complete from 1558, record the burials of many notable persons, including an infant son of the playwright Ben Jonson.

The great actor Edward Alleyn, Shakespeare's contemporary, and the founder of Dulwich College, was baptised here in 1566 and the poet John Keats in the present font in 1795.

Several rectors of St. Botolph's went on to become Bishops of London. William Rogers, rector 1863-96, was a great social reformer, devoting time and money to the education and welfare of his poor parishioners, and founding the Bishopsgate Institute, which carries on his ideals to this day.

