

The Passing of the Year

Whitehall Choir

Sam Hird: Baritone

Ian Tindale: Piano

Joanna Tomlinson: Conductor



Russell Hepplewhite - *Riddle*

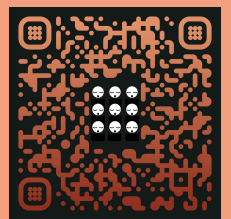
(world première as part of the Living Voices project)

Jonathan Dove - *The Passing of the Year*

Ralph Vaughan Williams - *Five Mystical Songs*

Ellen Gilson Voth - *The Circle of Time*

Michael Higgins - *When Music Sounds*



Thursday 26th June 2025, 7.30 pm

St Andrew's Church, 5 St Andrews Street London EC4A 3AF

Tickets: £20, £15, £10 from whitehallchoir.org, or scan QR code

The Passing of the Year

Whitehall Choir is thrilled to present the world première of Russell Hepplewhite's *Riddle*, a setting of a wonderful new poem by Aice Oswald. This is part of Hepplewhite's national 'Living Voices' project: Whitehall Choir has the honour of being selected to represent London. Each choir involved with the project will perform his settings of newly commissioned texts including by Pam Ayres, Andrew Motion and Michael Rosen.

The concert celebrates the exciting soundscape of contemporary choral music and features music related to the passing of time. Jonathan Dove's much-loved *The Passing of the Year* was written in 2000, in memory of the composer's mother and is a collection of seven songs, including poems by Blake and Tennyson. The composer's use of double choir gives a thrilling variety of colours and drama.

Whitehall Choir, under its dynamic Music Director Joanna Tomlinson, is one of London's leading amateur choirs.

Joanna Tomlinson is also Artistic Director of Constanza Chorus. Recent engagements include conducting the National Youth Choir at the Royal Albert Hall, Bach's Mass in B minor at Cadogan Hall with Constanza Chorus and the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and adjudicating for the Vox Lucensis International Choral Competition in Lucca.

Ian Tindale, accompanist of Whitehall Choir, was awarded the Pianist's Prize at the Wigmore Hall/Kohn Foundation Song Competition in 2017. Recent engagements include song recitals on BBC Radio 3, at the Edinburgh International Festival and the Ludlow English Song Festival. He also regularly appears with the BBC Symphony and London Symphony Orchestras.

Future Whitehall Choir Concerts

Friday 21st November 7.30pm – Journey to Venice: - music in the polychoral style by Gabrieli and Schütz, St Peter's Eaton Square, SW1W 9AL.

Thursday 18th December 7.30pm -- Christmas Carols and Readings,
St Peter's Eaton Square, SW1W 9AL.

Saturday 17th January 2026 10.00am – Come and Sing the Verdi Requiem,
St Cyprians Church, Glentworth St (parallel to Baker St) NW1 6AX.

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