

Southend Bach Choir

Presents

**Dvorak
Mass in D**

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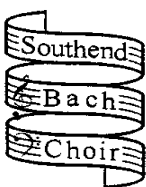
Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna

Saturday 25th November 2017

7:30 pm

Thorpe Bay Methodist Church

The Broadway, Thorpe Bay



Programme



The Southend Bach Choir

Musical Director - Colin Edwards

Southend Bach Choir began life in 1943 as an evening class of the Municipal College in Southend under the direction of its founder Dr Harold May, FRCO. Known as the Municipal College Choir it gave its first performance in December 1943 in a programme that consisted of selections from Handel's Messiah. As the Municipal College Choral Society the choir became well known, singing major works in Southend and further afield. In 1968 the choir became the Southend Bach Choir, and in 1993, under the direction of Gerald Bates, celebrated its Golden Jubilee with a memorable performance of Bach's Mass in B Minor. In 2001 the Choir welcomed its present Musical Director Colin Edwards, as he returned to his home town after many years in the North West. The choir performs a number of concerts each year in many venues in and around Essex, including a popular Christmas concert. Recent concerts have included The Concert for Remembrance – The Armed Man; Crucifixion; Rejoice - English Choral Music by Rutter, Britten, Vaughan Williams & Tippett; Made in Britain – music by John Rutter, Bob Chilcott, Andrew Lloyd Webber and the Beatles; Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle; An Evening of Gilbert & Sullivan; Mozart's Trinitatis Mass; Haydn's Creation Mass; Handel's Messiah. The choir values its work in the community and regularly takes its music to sheltered housing and homes within the Southend area and also supports local charities. In 2015, the choir were very pleased and proud to take part in the BBC Essex Radio Carol Concert.

This year the choir are pleased to support HARP, Southend's Homeless Charity by performing a Christmas Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Programme

Accompanist: Roger Humphrey

Lux Aeterna
Morten Lauridsen

INTERVAL

Mass in D Major Op. 86
Antonin Dvorak

Please join the choir for light refreshments during the interval.