

*On the eve of the 70th anniversary of the destruction of the city of Coventry and its cathedral ...*

**COVENTRY CATHEDRAL**  
**Saturday 13th November 2010**  
**at 7.00pm**

**WAR REQUIEM**  
**BENJAMIN BRITTEN**

Claire Rutter, *soprano*

Daniel Norman, *tenor*

Stephen Gadd, *bass*

Choristers of Coventry Cathedral

*(Director, Kerry Beaumont)*

The Parliament Choir

Saint Michael's Singers

ESO Chamber Orchestra

Southbank Sinfonia

Conducted by Simon Over  
and Paul Leddington Wright

Tickets £30(27), £25(22), £20(17), £15(12), (Students half-price)  
available from Jill Pacey (01676 532436) [jill.pacey@lineone.net](mailto:jill.pacey@lineone.net)  
or Coventry Cathedral Gift Shop (024 7626 7070)

# Saint Michael's Singers

## Coventry Cathedral

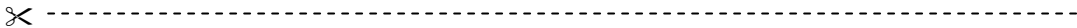
On 14th November 1940, in a single night of war-time bombing, the city of Coventry and its medieval cathedral were destroyed. Immediately afterwards a wooden cross, constructed from charred beams which had fallen from the burnt roof of the cathedral, was placed upon an altar built from fragments of stone from the ruins. The words *Father Forgive* were inscribed on the sanctuary wall behind the altar and charred cross. Another cross, made from three large mediaeval nails that had fallen from the roof—the *Cross of Nails*—later became a symbol of post-war reconciliation between former enemies.

The people of Coventry also determined that their cathedral would be rebuilt and, in 1951, Scottish architect Basil Spence won a competition for the design of the new cathedral. His design proposed leaving the ruins of the old cathedral in place as a symbol of sacrifice, and constructing a new *resurrected* cathedral alongside it.

The new cathedral was consecrated on 25th May 1962 by the Bishop of Coventry in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen and distinguished visitors from around the world. The consecration was celebrated with an arts festival featuring new commissions and performances by internationally renowned musicians, the centrepiece of which was *War Requiem* by one of England's leading composers, Benjamin Britten. Subsequently this magnificent and deeply moving work became renowned and performed all over the world.

November 2010 marks the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Coventry. To commemorate this event *War Requiem* will be performed in Coventry Cathedral on Saturday 13th November. For tickets to this unique event, please complete the order form below, and send your remittance, with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to

**Jill Pacey, Ticket Secretary, 6 Clive Road, Balsall Common, COVENTRY CV7 7DW.**



Please send me the following tickets for *War Requiem* on 13th November 2010:

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