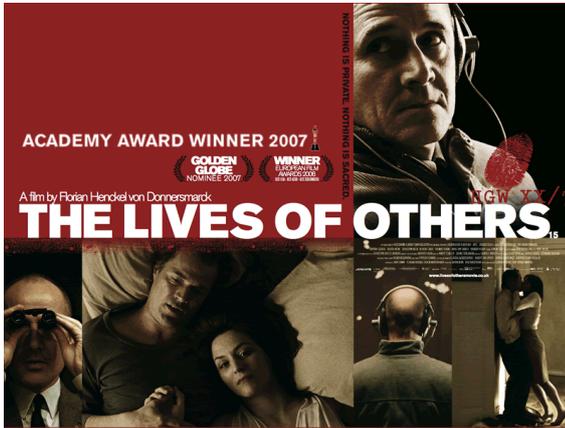


QUIDAM

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

Friday 9th November Film Night 7.30pm



Doors open at 7.30pm | Film starts at 8.00pm
Introduced by Dr Katrin Schreiter

Lecturer in German and European Studies,
King's College London

To reflect the mood of Remembrance weekend and in stark contrast to the gaiety of 'Monsieur Hulot' and the charm of 'Cinema Paradiso', this month we will watch a sombre, powerful German film – 'The

Lives of Others', an Oscar winner in 2007 for Best Foreign Language Film, directed by Florian von Donersmarck.

Over 100,000 of East Germany's 16m population worked directly for the STASI secret police and over 400,000 were listed informants on their fellow citizens. The film depicts the moral compromises, big and small, forced on a group of individuals working in the theatre in East Berlin in 1984, and the price they pay for 'collaboration' with Government to protect their careers.

Central to the film is how the STASI agent, assigned to spy on a playwright and an actress, understands his own corruption; and how, post German unification, he experiences a form of redemption. A bleak film in one way, reflecting the German people's tragedy in the first half of the 20th century (and continued in the east until 1989); but also, a morality tale for everyman - not to rush to moral condemnation of adjustments that those living in a police state must make in order to get by – ask not for whom the bell tolls.



Dr Katrin Schreiter is a Lecturer in German and European Studies at King's College London. She received her PhD in History from the University of Pennsylvania in 2012. Her research examines the interplay of economics and culture of the Cold War era, and how these areas are connected to the politics of German diplomacy and ideas about nationhood. This research is captured in her forthcoming monograph *Designing One Nation: The Politics of Economic Culture and Trade in Divided Germany, 1949-1990* with Oxford University Press.

Dr Schreiter will be happy to take questions after her talk

The now famous **Carpenter's Arms** steak, salad and chips supper deal will be available on the night from 6.30pm. Price £15

This will need to be booked in advance. Please call 020 8741 8386



Saturday 17th November 6.00pm

Alison Wells leads our second Opera Masterclass

Four young singers are given 30 minutes to work with a professional on a song or aria of their choice
Tickets are £10 on the door. Refreshments will be available.

Alison Wells was born in Yorkshire and originally trained as a pianist. She read Mathematics and Music at London University and then spent a year at the Royal Academy of Music, after which she began her vocal studies. She made her South Bank debut in the Park Lane Group's January Series, and in the same year sang the Governess in the Turn of the Screw and took part in Elisabeth Schwarzkopf's Masterclasses at the Wigmore Hall. Since then she has appeared in all the major London concert halls and in many festivals both at home and abroad.

A large part of Alison's work is in the field of contemporary music, and she has sung with London Sinfonietta, Matrix, Lontano, Music Projects/London, Composers' Ensemble, Kokoro, Psappha, Gemini, Ensemble Corrente, Apartment House, the french ensemble 2e2m, the Schoenberg Ensemble and ASKO in Amsterdam, and Champ d'Action in Antwerp. She has broadcast many times on BBC Radio 3. Alison is in great demand as a teacher of singing, teaching professional singers in both the opera and choral worlds in her private studio, and she is a member of the vocal studies department at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance and at the Royal College of Music.

The singers include Hannah Crerar (Mezzo-soprano), Eric Kallo (Counter-tenor) and Milly Forrest (Soprano), accompanied by Jo Ramadan on the piano.



Thursday 6th December 8.15pm

Students free | Adults - a £10 donation is welcomed to cover expenses
Refreshments will be available. The Carpenters Arms supper deal applies too.

Cradle to Grave: The Five Giants

The second series of our regular Quidam 'In Discussion' talks on Thursday evenings will examine 'the five giants' that Sir William Beveridge (echoing Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*) identified in his 1943 report for post-war governments to slay: squalor, ignorance, want, idleness and disease.



Nicholas Timmins the Financial Times' Public Policy Editor 1996-2012 and author of 'The Five Giants: A Biography of the Welfare State' (3rd Edition William Collins 2017). Nicholas will open the series for us with his own overview of the welfare state. He will cover the early obstacles, later successes, as well as setbacks, and he will assess the importance of its essential components – health, education, social security and housing – for us as a nation today. His acclaimed

biography of the welfare state, published in 1995, was revised in 2005 and again in 2017, to coincide with the 75th anniversary of Beveridge and the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the NHS. **Nicholas will be happy to answer questions and sign copies of his book after the talk.**

SingWest Community Choir is one year old! And still growing!



SingWest Community Choir celebrated its first birthday this month and the group is about sixty strong most weeks. We get together once a week to sing a mix of contemporary, folk, and choral music, under the charming guidance of our extremely talented music directors, Cian and Daf. You don't need to be able to read music and you don't even need to be especially good at singing! It's not about a perfect musical performance, but about an uplifting, life-affirming antidote to the stress and routine of everyday life - followed by a trip to the pub! Everyone is welcome to come and sing. **We meet every Monday evening during term time from 7:15 pm for about an hour and a half in St Peter's Church. Why not give it a try? It's great fun and you'll be made very welcome.** www.singwest.co.uk. And if you would like to see some of us in action at our summer concert put this link in and enjoy: <https://youtu.be/ZX07Bafm-WY>

Monday 10th December 6.30pm
SingWest Christmas Carol Concert
Everyone welcome!

Friday 14th December 1.00pm
Christmas Lunchtime Recital **Bach & Brews**

Free entry with a retiring collection

Warm your hands and hearts with our selection of hot brews and festive music by Bach, Handel and Herbert Howells. Featuring flautist Emma Halnan, pianist Alastair Chilvers, soprano Milly Forrest and percussionist Lauren Kosty. Hot brews will include coffee, tea, mulled wine and cider punch. A great way to welcome Christmas!

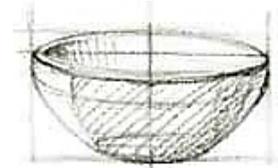
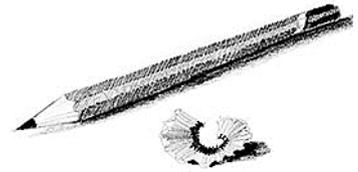


Wednesday 19th December
10.00am – 4.00pm

Extra Art Day! With lunch!

Open Studio for all levels of drawing ability. Still life arrangements and natural subjects for you to come and draw (or paint) in a friendly, relaxed one-day session led by Sarah Kensington, a professional art tutor. All are welcome, from the complete beginner to the more experienced artist. Drawing materials and a delicious lunch will be included in the cost for the day.

£20 - all are welcome.



What else is happening at St Peter's?

To find out more please visit our website at www.stpetersw6.org

We are a thriving and friendly church with a lot going on as well as our Quidam events. Everyone is very welcome to join in.

Community gardening group – first Friday in the month 2.30 – 4.30pm All warmly welcomed: young and old, new to gardening or experienced! The plan is to take care of our church garden, so we can enjoy this lovely outdoor area, get in touch with nature, do some green exercise, and have some fun and cake along the way. Contact the church office for more information.



Christingle Service Sunday 9th December 4.30pm

Start the Christmas season with our beautiful Christingle service. Short and lively worship for all the family. **Come early at 3.30pm** for a bite to eat and a little glass of something as we make up all the Christingles for the service which begins at 4.30pm.

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols Sunday 16th December 6.30pm

Arrive early to ensure a seat for the traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols, with favourite carols for congregational singing as well as special performances by our full choir and musicians. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

