

## PRESS RELEASE



### FIORI AND FRIENDS VISIT ST.MARGARET'S CHURCH, CRICK WITH ANDREW REID CHAPEL ROYAL CONNECTIONS

On **Saturday 15 October 2011 at 7.30pm**, the ancient walls of St Margaret's Church, Crick, will be resounding again to the magnificent sounds of the Fiori Musicali Choir and the newly restored Elliot organ.

In a programme entitled *Chapel Royal Connections*, this splendid choir will be taking audiences through a programme of anthems from the English choral tradition, including favourites like Wesley's *Blessed be the God and Father* and *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace*, and Nares's *The souls of the righteous*.

Andrew Reid, organist from Peterborough Cathedral, will be accompanying the Fiori Musicali Choir and playing one of Mendelssohn's *Organ Sonatas* and Bach's famous *Tocatta and Fugue in D minor*.

When it comes to history, the village of Crick has its own important claims to fame - during the early 17<sup>th</sup> century St Margaret's Church came under the watchful eye of no lesser figure than William Laud (later Archbishop of Canterbury). St Margaret's, Crick, is therefore the ideal setting for listening to choral sounds from the early composers.

Under artistic Director Penelope Rapson, Fiori Musicali have acquired a reputation for bringing alive the drama and passion of early music, with stylish and well-informed performances, both around their home region and in London. Their fine musicianship and infectious enthusiasm for the music they perform, draw capacity audiences to many splendid historic houses and local churches rich in history.

During their performances, Fiori's Director, Penelope Rapson, always takes the opportunity to introduce the music Fiori perform to the audience, putting each piece into its historical context and sharing her expertise and love of the music.

If you would like to enjoy the music of *Chapel Royal Connections* you can secure your tickets from Nigel Howard on 01788 823390 or Sue Milne on 01788 824670, or simply buy tickets on the door. But book early to avoid disappointment please. Tickets for the concert are priced at £15, incl. refreshments (Buy a full price ticket and you can bring 2 children, students or unemployed FREE). Proceeds will benefit Church and Organ restoration funds.

More information on Fiori Musicali is available from its web site at [www.fiori-musicali.com](http://www.fiori-musicali.com) or by ringing the box office 01327 360 931.

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