

**LUNCHTIME LECTURE**

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

at 12.00 noon in the McKenna Room, Christ Church

**Five Straight Lines: A History of Western Music**

**Speaker: Dr Andrew Gant.**

This is the title of the book Andrew Gant is currently working on. He says that “music, like every other of human activity, changes through time. At the same time, some things are constant: what musicians are like, how they make music and make a living, how style changes”. This talk looks at some aspects of our musical tradition, including some surprising ones.

*Dr Gant is Lecturer in Music at St Peter’s College, Oxford. He was a Choral Scholar at St John’s College Cambridge and subsequently studied at the Royal Academy and Goldsmiths where he obtained his Doctorate in composition and 20<sup>th</sup> century music. He has sung professionally with the Tallis Scholars and the Cambridge Singers and was Organist, Choirmaster and Composer at Her Majesty’s Chapel Royal for 13years.*

*Dr Gant’s research interests are in the history and context of music. His book ‘O Sing unto the Lord’ traces English Church Music from before the arrival of St Augustine in 597 to the present day. It is a history of music and the people who made it, sang and listened to it in parishes, homes, chapels and Cathedrals and it reflects our changing politics, culture and faith and it is the story of an English tradition of enduring value and beauty. His book ‘Christmas Carols: from Village Green to Church Choir’ is the very enjoyable story of 22 carols and of their varied origins - few directly composed as Christmas carols! He will also draw on these books in his talk.*

Following the lecture there will be a sandwich lunch with wine or soft drinks tea/coffee.

**Tickets: Friends - £15.00 each. Guests - £18.00 each**

*Please note: Parking is NOT available.*

*Refunds: It is not possible to offer refunds. However, if the event is over-subscribed a reserve list will be started. If you need to cancel you will be put in touch with someone on that reserve list.*

***A microphone will be in use for this event.***

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