EPSOM CHAMBER CHOIR

My Heart's Desire

John Taverner *Mass 'The Western Wynde'*

and settings of biblical love poetry from the Song of Songs



Zephyrus, God of the Western Wind, and his companion the wind goddess Aura. The Birth of Venus - Botticelli (detail)

Patrick Allies conductor

Saturday 7th November 2026 7:30pm
St Martin's Church, Epsom, KT17 4PX
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Welcome to Patrick Allies - our new conductor



I'm really thrilled to have been appointed as Epsom Chamber Choir's new conductor. It's such a talented choir that really gets to the heart of the music, so it seemed fitting to launch into an emotional programme for my first concert! I've picked lots of Renaissance and contemporary music on the theme of love. Most of the pieces are settings of the Song of Songs, which is really biblical love poetry. And so the programme is sacred but also filled with beautiful romantic messages. At its centre is John Taverner's magical mass setting based on the folk song the Western Wynde. It's a wonderful piece of sacred Renaissance polyphony derived from a haunting song about missing your lover!

Patrick Allies

TAVERNER *Mass 'The Western Wynde'*
EDWARD BAIRSTOW *I sat down under his shadow*
KERENSA BRIGGS *Ubi caritas*
CLEMENS NON PAPA *Ego flos campi*
ELEANOR DALEY *Upon your heart*
HOWARD SKEMPTON *Rise up, my love*
VICTORIA *Vadam et circuibo civitatem*
WALTON *Set me as a seal upon thy heart*
HELEN WILLIAMS *Beloved*
TALLIS *E'en like the hunted hind*