

Cranbrook  
Sinfonia

Director of Music  
Jeffrey Gray



# Cranbrook Choral SOCIETY

## Brahms German Requiem

St Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook TN17 3HA  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm



St Dunstan's Church window

**Tickets: £15 (students £7.50)**

Available from Baldwins Travel Agents, Carriers Road, Cranbrook  
(01580 714411) and available at the door on the night.

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*"Brahms' beautiful 'German Requiem' is balm for the soul".*

In contrast to the traditional Roman Catholic Requiem Mass with its Latin text and prayers for the dead, Brahms took passages from the German Lutheran Bible which offered comfort to the living and the word 'German' in the title refers primarily to the language rather than the intended audience.

Brahms wanted his work to be thought of as a 'Humanist Requiem' and particularly chose texts that brought light to darkness, such as 'Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted' *Selig sind, die da Leid tragen, denn sie sollen getröstet werden.*

Under the direction of **JEFFREY GRAY**, the Society's Director of Music, Cranbrook's fine 100 voice choir will be joined by soloists:

**Soprano: CAMILLA HARRIS**

**Baritone: FRANCIS BRETT**

together with the **CRANBROOK SINFONIA**, a substantial orchestra of mainly professional musicians. The concert will begin with a short orchestral piece; Jean Sibelius's 'Valse Triste' (Sad Waltz). Emotional and dramatic, the work was an instant success.

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Live performances of some of the world's greatest music can be heard right here on your doorstep. Better still why not come and sing it with us!

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