



Aeolian Singers

with guest choir *City Chamber Choir*



Elgar's

The

DREAM ♦ ♦ ♦ of ♦ GERONTIUS

Reduced Orchestration by David Meacock

Hertfordshire Chamber Orchestra

Mezzo Soprano **Sophie Mansell**

Tenor **Peter Davoren**

Bass **Jon Saunders**

Conductor **Stephen Jones**

Saturday 12th November 2016

7:30 pm at St John's Church, Boxmoor

Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1JY

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“Since Parsifal, nothing of this mystic, religious kind of music has appeared, to my knowledge, that displays the same power and beauty as yours.” These are the words of Elgar’s publisher Jaeger (thought to be the subject of ‘Nimrod’ in the Enigma Variations) when he saw Elgar’s setting of Cardinal Newman’s epic poem *The Dream of Gerontius*. Part 1 tells of the death of Gerontius. Part 2 narrates the subsequent journey of his soul to judgement and purgatory.

The subject matter has always been contentious, setting out traditional Roman Catholic doctrine rejected by the Protestant church. But it gives Elgar ample scope for dramatic expression, describing the wide range of emotions felt by Gerontius, the mocking voices of demons and the comforting, reassuring songs of angels.

We are joined for this performance by the **City Chamber Choir** and by the **Hertfordshire Chamber Orchestra** with soloists: **Sophie Mansell** (Mezzo Soprano), **Peter Davoren** (Tenor) and **Jon Saunders** (Bass).

The performance will be conducted by **Stephen Jones**, Musical Director of Aeolian Singers.

All seating is unreserved. Ticket prices: £15 including programme, under 18s: £7

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For more information about **Aeolians Singers** please see our website at **www.aeoliansingers.org.uk** Registered charity no 281612

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