

Evening event by the Purcell Club at Westminster Abbey Dean's Yard, London SW1P 3PA
on Saturday 16th December 2023 at 6.45 pm



SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL FOR TASHH MEMBERS -limited to 25 places.

After waiting over four years for a slot, we have been fortunate in securing a booking with the Purcell Club to give us a musical tour of Westminster Abbey on 16th December at 6.45 pm. The Club only gives a few performances each year when the Abbey is closed to the public with only the Purcell Club and their guests allowed access.

The Purcell Club is a male voice choir formed predominantly from members of the Westminster Abbey Old Choristers' Association. The Club's profits from ticket sales go to support the Abbey and a range of small charities.

We will be given access to the Cloisters at 6.45 pm and will then take our seats in the Nave for a welcome and the start of the tour when the first piece of sacred music is sung.

We then go from location to location within the Abbey where our guides describe its history and architecture. At various points in the tour there is a pause and members of the Purcell Club sing suitable musical items ranging from 16th to 21st Century.

We will visit several important and historical locations and will see the Quire, Sacristy, High Altar, Cosmati Pavement (unique and rarely accessible to the public), St Edward the Confessor's Shrine, Henry VII's Chapel and Poets' Corner.

On our return to the Nave, we will hear a short piece played by one of the Abbey's organists giving a rare opportunity to hear the Abbey's magnificent organ. The tour ends with the choir singing round the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior as the lights dim. An unforgettable and extremely moving experience.

We have arranged an optional meal in the Abbey café, which must be booked and paid for in advance. Details are attached.

The cost of the visit is £45.00 (£52.00 non-members) per person.

For further information please contact our Visits Organiser, Tamara Rabin, at visitstashh@gmail.com or on 07791 211 524

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The cost for this guided tour is **£45.00 (£52.00) per person** (non-refundable). If you can, please pay by making a bank transfer to the TASHH bank account, Sort Code: **20-36-16**, Account number: **40475416**, giving as reference **Purcell** and telling either Tamara or our treasurer Celia on treasurerTASHH@gmail.com that you have done so. If you wish to pay by cheque, please complete this tear-off slip and send it, together with your cheque payable to TASHH, to Celia Newgas at 32 Merton Lane, London N6 6NB

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