

# Westminster Abbey Old Choristers' Association

## President: The Dean of Westminster



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# Federation of Cathedral Old Choristers' Associations Centenary Festival 2010



To be held at Westminster, 24th—26th September 2010

2010 marks not only the Centenary of the Federation of Cathedral Old Choristers' Associations but it is also the 450th anniversary of the refounding of Westminster Abbey by Queen Elizabeth I. This makes it a particularly significant year for the Federation to be holding its Festival at the Abbey (by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter).

**Westminster Abbey Old Choristers' Association looks forward to welcoming you to the Festival**

### Programme

#### Friday 24th September

- 12.00pm Registration in Hotel Jolly St. Ermins
- 12.30pm Tours of the Palace of Westminster, Big Ben or the Abbey Library
- 5.00pm Choral Evensong—unaccompanied
- 6.00pm Supper at the Hotel Jolly St. Ermins
- 7.30pm Purcell Club Musical Tour of the Abbey followed by Compline

#### Saturday 25th September

- 8.00am Holy Communion in Henry VII's Chapel
- 11.00am River cruise with light lunch
- 3.00pm Festival Evensong
- 3.45pm Organ Recital
- 4.15pm Tea in the Cloisters
- 7.00pm Reception in Church House
- 8.00pm Festival Banquet in Church House

#### Sunday 26th September

- 8.00am Holy Communion in the Nave—BCP
- 8.45am Breakfast and farewells at Hotel
- 11.15am Choral Eucharist
- 1.00pm Optional lunch at Hotel Jolly St. Ermins





**JOLLY ST ERMINS HOTEL** is located in an unusually quiet corner of Westminster—the political and cultural heart of London. The hotel occupies a prominent site at the corner of Caxton Street and Broadway, just off Victoria Street. It is about five minutes' walk from Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace. Just across the river is the London Eye. The hotel is grade II listed and was built on the site of a fifteenth-century monastery. Initially built as mansion flats, they were converted into a hotel at the beginning of the twentieth century. It is close by St. James's Park underground station and is a short walk from Victoria Station.

**THE SYMPHONY**  
our lunch cruise boat.

The Symphony's all-glass super structure takes the Thames restaurant cruise experience into a different dimension, with guests being able to enjoy magnificent views of the river without any interruption. Unlike more traditional boats, the wide expanse of glass, the light wooden flooring and simple furniture bestow a bright and spacious atmosphere. Further adding to the comfort of this river cruiser, the boat is climate controlled with wash-room facilities and access to exterior viewing platforms.



On Friday only a visit to the Palace of Westminster, Big Ben and the Westminster Abbey Library are possible with limited numbers available for each. Early booking is essential as these free of charge visits will be filled on a first come first served basis. The visit to Big Ben is only for those fit enough to climb the 334 small steps and there are no lifts.



The Banquet on Saturday will be in the Assembly Hall of Church House, accessible from Deans Yard, with the reception in the Bishop Partridge and Hoare Memorial Halls. The Grade II listed Assembly Hall was built in 1939, to the design of world-renowned architect Sir Herbert Baker. The round room is flooded by natural light during the day from the fifteen arched windows on the gallery level but can be darkened for presentations or fine dining. The

polished, English oak panelling and heraldic emblems sit beneath a 30 foot glass dome surrounded by 32 gilded angels. A truly unique room.

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