



THE DEANERY CHOIR

APRIL DIARY 2026

April 3rd Good Friday

The Deanery choir will be singing at **St Edmund church, Tendring CO16 0BN** at 7pm. They will sing 'Requiem' by Cherubini and 'The Reproaches' by Healey Willan. Cherubini was born Maria Luigi Cherubini in Florence in 1760. There is uncertainty about his date of birth. His instruction in music began at the age of six with his father, Bartolomeo, *maestro al cembalo* ("master of the harpsichord"), in other words, ensemble leader from the harpsichord). Considered a child prodigy, Cherubini studied counterpoint and dramatic style at an early age. By the time he was thirteen, he had composed several religious works. '**The Reproaches**' is the traditional prayer repeated at the vigil of the Crucifixion and is a very moving and poignant work.

April 12th

The Deanery choir will be singing at **St Georges Church, Great Bromley CO7 7TS** at the 11am communion service. The anthem will be 'Sicut Cervus' by Palestrina. **Giovanni Palestrina** was an Italian composer of late Renaissance music. Palestrina is considered the leading composer of late 16th-century Europe. He was one of the few Renaissance composers never entirely forgotten, but it was the so-called "Palestrinian style" of counterpoint rather than his individual compositions that exerted the greatest influence.

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