## Judith Bingham The Very Distant Days

London Concord Singers conductor Malcolm Cottle

## Saturday 2 August 2014, 7.30pm <u>Sint Janskerk Maastricht</u> Vrijthof 24, 6211 LE Maastricht

Judith Bingham - The Very Distant Days (Dutch premiere)
Cecilia McDowall - Regina Caeli
Ralph Vaughan Williams - Five English Folk Songs
Zoltan Kodaly - Oregek
Ernst Bloch - Yihu Leratzon
Victoria - Credo from Missa Quam Pulchri Sunt
Charles Villiers Stanford - The Blue Bird
Thomas Weelkes - Alleluia

Judith Bingham's new work *The Very Distant Days*, a London Concord Singers commission, sets a text which intriguingly combines words by Charles Dickens and Lewis Carroll. Bingham uses extracts from *Dombey and Son* and *Alice in Wonderland* to create a wonderfully meditative piece on ageing and growing old. London Concord Singers will be performing this alongside Zoltan Kodaly's own take on the same subject, *Oregek*.

Also in the programme is Vaughan Williams *Five English Folksongs*, one of the gems of the 20th century choral repertoire, plus a selection of sacred music spanning 600 years from Victoriato Cecilia McDowall.

