St Edward's Church

Lugano

Choral Evensong & Recital

Wednesday, 24th July 1996 at 6.30 pm

Evensong of St James

Smith Responses: 94 Psalm: Gibbons. Short Service Canticles: Lord, Who shall sit beside thee (Christus ist mein Leben) 175 Hymns: Glorious things of thee are spoken (Abbot's Leigh) 362 O Lord, the maker of all things (William Mundy) Anthem:

William Byrd (1542/3-1623) Laudibus in sanctis Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594) Nigra sum

Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643) Adoramus te, Christe

Cantate Domino

Without doubt, The Cambridge Taverner Choir is at present one of the most prestigious and wellappreciated choirs in England that specialises in Renaissance and Baroque music. All the choristers are ex-choral scholars from Cambridge University and thus part of the great tradition of English Choral music associated with that University throughout the world.

The choir has 17 singers and specialises in Italian, Portughese and Spanish music of the 16th and 17th centuries, as well as English choral music of the same period. Not only do they give many concerts every year, but they also often sing services both in the ancient Chapel of Jesus College, Cambridge and elsewhere.

In the last couple of years the choir has made several recordings for the BBC, as well as three highly acclaimed CDs, which received 'Early Music Awards' from the specialist musical publication 'Gramophone'. They have partecipated in many national and international festivals, including the famous Cambridge Music Festival, and have toured many parts of Europe.

"A true revalation ... performances that will be difficult to equal." "The listener will slowly become aware how the singers, too, are moved by the beauty of their sound. A very wonderful (Gramophone) experience."

Cambridge Taverner Choir

Director: Owen Rees