

Thursday 27th November 2008 at 7.30pm
Methodist Church, Oakham

Rev Dr James Saunders

will speak on



**“The Sound of Revolution.
Cathedral music and its opponents in
Elizabethan England”**

The English Reformation was a period of intense theological & political controversy, affecting all aspects of church life. This talk looks particularly at the conflicts surrounding church music in the worship of the English cathedrals. Starting with public protests disrupting Morning Prayer in Exeter in 1559, the talk attempts to disentangle the reasons which led some to embrace choral music & others to reject it. In the era of Thomas Tallis, William Byrd & the other 'greats' of English church music, how was thinking about what was appropriate for Christian worship changing? What wider theological principles were conveyed by the choice of style of music? How did the 'Anglican choral tradition' take shape, and who was shaping it?

Rev Dr James Saunders is currently Team Vicar in the Oakham Team Ministry. He holds a doctorate in church history from Cambridge University and has published various articles exploring the impact of the English Reformation on cathedrals, their liturgy and music.

All are welcome to attend. Meetings conclude with tea and coffee. We aim to finish the main meeting by 9.00pm.

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