

## OUR PRINCIPAL MUSICIANS



**Michel Speak**

Festival Musical Director

Michel directed the Festivals in 2007 and in 2009, and we are delighted that he has been able to make time to lead the Festival in 2011. He has vast experience as a choral conductor, and is a huge asset to our Festivals.

We are delighted to welcome **Dr James Ross** as the Orchestral Director in 2011. He is an experienced freelance conductor with an impressive cv, (see [www.james-ross.com](http://www.james-ross.com)) and will add value to the Festival by enhancing the quality of the orchestral playing, both on the Saturday and Sunday concerts.



Our accompanist is another newcomer, **Jonathan Lilley**, who is Assistant Organist at Ely Cathedral, and a music teacher at the King's School, Ely. He is an old friend from days at Leeds College of Music, where he directed the Chamber Choir and accompanied the Choral Society, as well as having a real job at Leeds Parish Church.

**Alison Rose** Soprano Soloist

Alison graduated from Royal Northern College of Music in 2010, and is now studying at Royal Academy.

She sang in the St Gauderic Music Festival in 2010



**Sian Millet** Mezzo soprano soloist

Sian is another graduate from Royal Northern College of Music, and is an old hand with the St Gauderic Music Festival from 2009 and 2010.

Our tenor soloist is **Daniel Farrimond**, and the bass, **Louis Hurst**. Both are senior students at Royal Northern College of Music, and they have a wealth of experience between them. Pictures and biographies will appear on this website in due course, and will be published in the Festival Programme.