



# Ralph Vaughan Williams and The English Hymnal

A talk by Canon Martin Draper

**Thursday 23rd October 2008  
8.00pm**

St Mary Magdalene  
Windmill Hill  
Enfield

Refreshments available  
Retiring collection

Canon Martin Draper was ordained in 1975 to serve as an assistant curate of St Mary-the-Virgin, Primrose Hill, often regarded as the birthplace of the *English Hymnal* in 1906. He then went to St Matthew's, Westminster, another parish in which hymns were tried out on the congregation before being incorporated into both the original book and its successor the *New English Hymnal* in 1986. He joined the Board of Directors of the English Hymnal Company in 1980, becoming Chairman in 1998. Much of his ministry has been spent in the Diocese of Europe, both as Chaplain of St George's, Paris and Archdeacon of France.

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