

Nantwich Choral Society

Conductor: John Naylor
Accompanist: Simon Russell

Nantwich Young Voices

Conductor: Victoria Palethorpe
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FAMILY CAROL CONCERT



St Mary's Church, Nantwich
Saturday 22nd December 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman's Message

As Chairman of Nantwich Choral Society, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you all most warmly to our Christmas Carol Concert tonight. We are delighted to have with us once again Nantwich Young Voices under the directorship of their conductor Victoria Palethorpe with accompanist Rita Davies.

The members of Nantwich Choral Society are proud to be currently celebrating our 40th Anniversary year. We have grown and flourished from early beginnings as an educational local authority evening class in 1972 into the distinguished choral society that exists today and 40 years on we celebrate a record membership of 100+ mixed choral voices. Under the inspirational guiding baton of John Naylor, our music director, and our accomplished accompanist Simon Russell, we strive to keep the choral tradition alive by singing great choral music and by having a varied and expanding repertoire of music, some familiar and some less so. We enjoy a fine choral reputation and excellent critiques of our performances in Nantwich, the wider Cheshire area and in Chester cathedral.

In addition to our carol concert each year we perform three major concerts, offer an educational singing day workshop and invite singers to join us for our "come and sing" events.

In spring this year we performed a landmark concert in NCS history of an all Vaughan Williams programme: It included 'The Lark Ascending' played by David Greed, Leader of the Orchestra of Opera North, and the Symphony No 1, (A Sea Symphony) in which we were joined by The Northern Concordia Orchestra, our fully professional associate orchestra and by Market Drayton Choral Society as our guests. Most notably, we gave the second ever public performance of RVW's 'The Garden of Proserpine'. The whole concert was grant aided by the Ralph Vaughan Williams Charitable Trust.

In the summer we visited Mâcon for a performance of Mozart's 'Coronation Mass' with L'Ensemble Vocal Arpège de Mâcon. They in turn visited us on July 14th when the programme also included Mozart's 'Vespers' and given the significance of the date, we performed a specially commissioned rendering of La Marseillaise and our own National Anthem.

For autumn we celebrated our 40th anniversary concert by performing the ever popular Handel's Messiah, the choral work chosen by the society in 1972 to be their first ever public performance. It was performed to great acclaim to a "full house" audience with our professional soloists and the 18th Century Sinfonia playing period instruments.

Our next event is a 'Come and Sing' performance of Karl Jenkins' 'The Armed Man' on January 12th : this promises to be a real treat for singers and audience alike. After that, we move once again to Chester cathedral for a performance of Bach's St Matthew Passion on March 23rd. We are proud to announce that for this performance we have been successful in being awarded a grant from Arts Council England. NCS thank The Arts Council most sincerely for awarding this grant for without such generosity it would not be possible for our choral society to have the opportunity of taking part in, or for our audience to listen to, one of Bach's great Passions.

We acknowledge too the receipt of legacies, sponsorships, grants and donations which help us to maintain and develop our musical standards, especially in these financially straightened times.

Above all, we thank our audiences for their support and we look forward to more enjoyable music making in 2013.

Elizabeth Lea

Choir	Ding dong! merrily on high	16 th Century French Carol, arr. Charles Wood
Choir	Once in Royal David's City	arr. James O'Donnell
	Once in Royal David's City Stood a lowly cattle shed Where a mother laid a baby In a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.	
All	He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all, And his shelter was a stable And his cradle was a stall. With the poor and mean and lowly Lived on earth our Saviour holy.	
Choir	And through all his wondrous childhood He would honour and obey, Love and watch the lowly maiden In whose gentle arms he lay. Christian children all must be Mild, obedient, good as he.	
All	Not in that poor lowly stable With the oxen standing by We shall see him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high; When like stars his children crowned All in white shall wait around.	
Choir	Adam lay y-bounden	Boris Ord
	No small wonder	Paul Edwards
Nantwich Young Voices		
	Gabriel Calling (from 'Children of the World')	Mary Green & Julie Stanley
	Walking in the air	Howard Blake arr. Lin Marsh
	When Christmas comes to town (from 'The Polar Express') Glen Ballard & Alan Silvestri Sung by Lucy Ollier and Laura Venables	
	Little Star (from 'Children of the World')	Mary Green & Julie Stanley

Choir	Bethlehem Down	Peter Warlock
	Jesus Child	John Rutter
Choir + All	See amid the winter's snow	John Goss, arr. Richard Lloyd
Refrain	Hail thou ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption's Happy Morn! Sing through all Jerusalem: 'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'	
Choir	I sing of a maiden	Lennox Berkeley
	In the bleak midwinter	Harold Darke
	Of the Father's love begotten	traditional, arr. Richard Lloyd
Choir	Of the Father's love begotten Ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega He the source, the ending he, Of the things that are, that have been, And the future years shall see, evermore and evermore.	
All	At his word they were created; He commanded, it was done: Heav'n and earth and depth of ocean In their threefold order one; All that grows beneath the shining Of the light of moon and sun, evermore and evermore.	
Choir	O that birth for ever blessed when the virgin full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving bare the Saviour of our race, and the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore.	
All	O ye heights of heav'n adore him; angel hosts his praises sing; pow'rs, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King: Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore.	

Choir **O Magnum Mysterium** Morten Lauridsen

Nantwich Young Voices

Dear Santa

Mark & Helen Johnson

Kuyimba (from 'Children of the World')

Mary Green & Julie Stanley

All through the night

Solo: Leah Hickey

Children of the World (from 'Children of the World')

Mary Green & Julie Stanley

Choir **Away in a manger**

arr. David Hill

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

John Gardner

All **O come all ye faithful**

J.F Wade, arr. David Willcocks (descant David Hill)

O come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, Born the King of angels;

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him
O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him
O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Lo! Star-led chieftains, Magi, Christ adoring
Offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
We to the Christ child bring our hearts oblations:

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him
O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God In the highest;

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him
O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

INTERVAL

Refreshments will be served by the Scouts in the Parish Hall.

*There is an opportunity to support the activities of Nantwich Choral Society by buying tickets for a chance to win the excellent prizes in our **Christmas Raffle** which will be drawn in the Parish Hall during the interval. The names of winners will be announced during the concert and they are invited to collect their prizes at the end of the evening.*

Choir **Deck the hall with boughs of holly** arr. David Willcocks

I saw three ships arr. John Rutter

All **O little town of Bethlehem** traditional, arr. R Vaughan Williams
(descant: David Hill)

O little town of Bethlehem
how still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King
and peace to men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary
and, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.

How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human heart
the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Choirs	Star Carol	John Rutter
	We Three Kings	arr. Ralph Allwood
All	Good King Wenceslas	arr. David Willcocks
	Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even. Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel, When a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel.	
Low voices	Hither page and stand by me, if thou know'st it, telling,	
	Yonder peasant who is he, where and what his dwelling?	
High voices	Sire he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain.	
	Right against the forest fence, by St Agnes' fountain.	
Low voices	Bring me flesh and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither:	
	Thou and I will see him dine when we bear them thither.	
All	Page and Monarch forth they went, forth they went together	
	Through the rude wind's wild lament and the bitter weather.	
High voices	Sire the night is darker now and the wind blows stronger	
	Fails my heart, I know not how, I can go no longer.	
Low voices	Mark my footsteps, good my page: tread thou in them boldly	
	Thou shalt find the winter's rage freeze thy blood less coldly.	
All	In his master's steps he trod where the snow lay dinted	
	Heat was in the very sod which the Saint had printed	
	Therefore Christian men, be sure, wealth or rank possessing,	
	Ye who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing.	
Choir	Still, still, still	Andrew Gant
	Jingle Bells	arr. Ralph Allwood
All	The twelve days of Christmas	arr. John Rutter
Choir	O little one sweet	J.S.Bach

All

Hark! the herald angels sing

Felix Mendelssohn, arr. David Hill

Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled"
Joyful, all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Choir

We wish you a merry Christmas

English traditional, arr. Arthur Warrell

***The members of Nantwich Choral Society wish all their
Friends and Supporters a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas!***

Nantwich Choral Society – 2012/13

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Nantwich Young Voices is a non-auditioned children's choir drawing from local Nantwich and Crewe schools and even further afield. Our aim is to come along, meet new friends, enjoy ourselves and learn exciting and varied repertoire. Initially started as a KS2 choir, we now have children starting as young as 5 and as old as 15! The choir performs regularly, and very enthusiastically, within the community and has earned an enviable reputation over the past five years. Annual events include our event this evening, thanks to Nantwich Choral Society, the Annual Family Fun Day in Nantwich, and various events with local churches, schools and care homes. In June and July this year, we performed in a special Chester Schools Jubilee Gala Concert, for Nantwich Town Council and the Diamond Jubilee, and made it through to the Birmingham heats in Music for Youth's Schools Music Prom, performing in the Sir Adrian Boult Hall! It is our ambition to make it through to the Albert Hall Celebration Concerts next year! We like to be busy and to have lots of fun! We are delighted to be performing with the Choral Society once again this evening!

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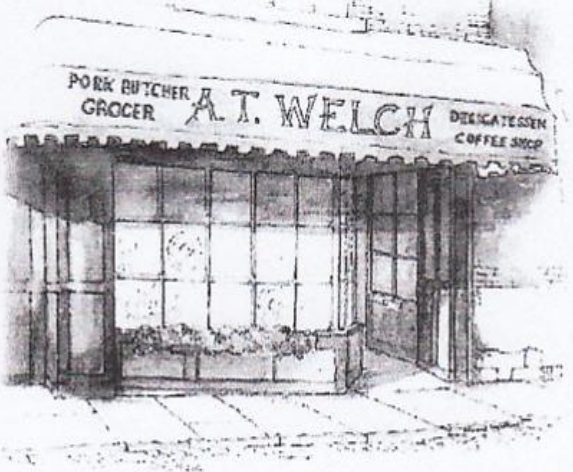
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