

Nantwich Choral Society

Conductor: John Naylor
Accompanist: Simon Russell

Nantwich Young Voices
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‘Kings Came Riding’

FAMILY CAROL CONCERT



St Mary's Church, Nantwich
Saturday 21st December 2013 at 6:30 pm

Welcome!

On behalf of the Nantwich Choral Society may I welcome you to our 41st annual Family Christmas Carol Concert here in the magnificent St Mary's Church, Nantwich. We hope not only that you will enjoy listening to new and traditional carols but that you will also join in singing the well-known favourites.

We welcome too the much accomplished children's choir, Nantwich Young Voices and their conductor Victoria Palethorpe. This year we have a specially commissioned new carol for them to sing, '*Kings Came Riding*'. It is an adaptation of three poems by Charles Williams, Heinrich Heine and Bishop Lancelot Andrews set to music by Andrew Mildinhall, formerly the accompanist for the Nantwich Choral Society.

In addition to our carol concert each year we perform three other major concerts, we offer an educational singing-day workshop and invite any and all singers to join us for our 'Come and Sing'.

Last season we celebrated the magnificent achievement of reaching our 40th anniversary year and in celebration opened the season by singing the much loved Handel's '*Messiah*' accompanied by period orchestra. In Holy week we performed JS Bach's '*St Matthew Passion*' in Chester Cathedral, for which we received Arts Council funding to stage the two choirs, two orchestras, the continuo group and six principal soloists. In the summer we returned to St Mary's and had a change of tempo with Puccini's setting of the Mass, his '*Messe di Gloria*' together with some well-known opera choruses and duets.

So many choristers 'Came to Sing' Karl Jenkins' '*The Armed Man*' that the choir filled the nave and the audience listened from the chancel. Singers who came to the workshop in Malpas church enjoyed a 'master class' exploring *English Church Music*.

This season we have just performed Handel's oratorio, '*Israel in Egypt*', at one time performed more often than his better known '*Messiah*', an ambitious concert inviting six soloists and a large period orchestra to accompany us.

For our spring concert you will find us in Nantwich Civic Hall on March 23rd, a Sunday afternoon concert, to sing Elgar's choral songs, the '*Bavarian Highlands*' and Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's '*Hiawatha's Wedding Feast*'. The season will round off with contemporary choral music in the summer on Saturday June 28th.

It is under the inspirational guiding baton of John Naylor, our music director, together with our accomplished accompanist Simon Russell that we have become one of the North West's leading choral societies. We strive to keep the choral tradition alive by singing great choral works and by having a varied and expanding repertoire of music, some familiar and some less so. We enjoy a fine choral reputation and excellent critique of our

performances in Nantwich, the wider Cheshire area and in Chester Cathedral. Long may we continue to do so.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of legacies, sponsorships, grants and donations which help us to maintain and develop our musical standards and above all, we thank our audiences for their continuing support and we look forward to more enjoyable music making in 2014.

Elizabeth Lea
Chairman

Christmas Draw

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.

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Choir **Torches** John Joubert

Choir **Once in Royal David's City**

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.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

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 **Nativity Carol** John Rutter

Ding Dong! Merrily on high French, arr. Charles Wood

Nantwich Young Voices

Shepherd boy and **Gloria** from 'A Place to Stay' Sheila Davies

Kuyimba from 'Children of the World' Mary Green and Julie Stanley

Jingle Bells trad, arr. Lin Marsh

Choir

Sir Christèmas

William Mathias

All

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,:
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the saviour is born.
Christ the saviour is born

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus Lord, at thy birth.

Choir

A maiden most gentle

Andrew Carter

Choirs

Kings came riding

Andrew Mildinhall

First performance: Commissioned by Nantwich Choral Society for this concert

*Kings came riding
One, two and three,
Over the desert
And over the sea*

*One in a ship
With a silver mast;
The fishermen wondered
As he went past.*

*One on a horse
With a saddle of gold;
The children came running
To behold.*

*One came walking
Over the sand,
With a casket of treasure
Held in his hand.*

*All the people
Said 'Where go they?'
But the kings went forward
All through the day.*

*Night came on
As those kings went by;
They shone like the gleaming
Stars in the Sky*

[Charles Williams]

*'Dear children' they asked in every town
Three kings from the land of the sun,
'Which is the road to Bethlehem?'
But neither the old nor the young*

*Could tell, and the kings rode on;
Their guide was a star in the air
Of gold, which glittered ahead of them
So clear, so clear.*

*The star stood still over Joseph's house.
They all of them stepped in;
The good ox lowed and the little child cried
And the kings began to sing.*

[Heinrich Heine, tr. Geoffrey Grigson]

*'A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.'*

[Bishop Lancelot Andrews]

All

As with gladness men of old

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly manger-bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we, with willing feet,
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

In the heav'nly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down:
There forever may we sing
Alleluyas to our King.

INTERVAL

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

The draw for the Christmas Raffle will take place.

All **Joy to the world** Lowell Mason, arr. John Rutter

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n , and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Choir **What sweeter music** words Robert Herrick, music John Rutter

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.

Choirs **Away in a manger** arr. David Willcocks

Star Carol John Rutter

Choir **Child in a manger** Celtic arr. John Rutter

Jesus Child John Rutter

All **The twelve days of Christmas** arr. John Rutter

Choir **This Christmas Night** words Mary Wilson, music Malcolm Williamson

All **The First Nowell**

The First Nowell the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far
To seek for a king was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both pause and stay
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

Then entered in those wise men three
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought
And with his blood mankind has bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

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

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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. 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!

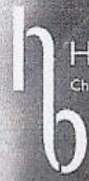
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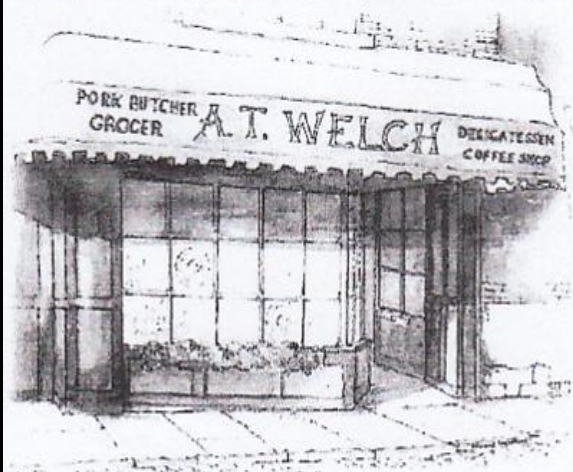
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