

**Nantwich Choral Society**

# **FAMILY CAROL CONCERT**



Conductor: John Naylor  
Accompanist: Simon Russell

**Nantwich Young Voices**  
Conductor: Victoria Palethorpe  
Accompanist: Rita Davies

**Tarporley Handbell Ringers**

St Mary's Church, Nantwich  
Saturday 20th December 2014 at 6:30 pm

## Welcome

On behalf of the Nantwich Choral Society may I welcome you to our 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 and the Tarporley Handbell ringers. This year we have a couple of special arrangements for the two choirs accompanied by handbells.

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'. In January we will join with singers from far and wide for a Come and Sing performance of Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle* here at St Mary's. Later in the spring we will sing Handel's *Judas Maccabeus* and in the summer we will welcome a German exchange choir, Lüdenscheid Oratorio, to sing Haydn's *Harmoniemesse* accompanied by our fully professional Northern Concordia Orchestra.

The resources required to stage these performances are considerable and we wish to acknowledge the receipt of legacies, sponsorships, grants and donations which help us to maintain and develop our musical standards, 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 these wonderful choral works. Long may we continue to do so.

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.

## Acknowledgements

Nantwich Choral Society gratefully acknowledges the support during the recent past from The Harding Trust, Cheshire East Council, Nantwich Town Council, Barclays Bank, the family of the late Peter Nurse and the advertisers in our programmes.

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|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Choir                 | <b>A Babe is born</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | William Mathias                                            |
| Choir                 | <b>Once in Royal David's City</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | H J Gauntlett, arr. A H Mann<br>and David Willcocks        |
|                       | <p>Once in Royal David's City<br/>         Stood a lowly cattle shed<br/>         Where a mother laid her baby<br/>         In a manger for his bed:<br/>         Mary was that mother mild,<br/>         Jesus Christ her little child.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                            |
| All                   | <p>He came down to earth from heaven<br/>         Who is God and Lord of all,<br/>         And his shelter was a stable,<br/>         And his cradle was a stall;<br/>         With the poor, and mean, and lowly,<br/>         Lived on earth our Saviour holy.</p> <p>And our eyes at last shall see him,<br/>         Through his own redeeming love,<br/>         For that child so dear and gentle<br/>         Is our Lord in heaven above;<br/>         And he leads his children on<br/>         To the place where he is gone.</p> <p>Not in that poor lowly stable,<br/>         With the oxen standing by,<br/>         We shall see him; but in heaven,<br/>         Set at God's right hand on high;<br/>         When like stars his children crowned<br/>         All in white shall wait around.</p> |                                                            |
| Choir                 | <b>Ding dong – Merrily on high</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 16 <sup>th</sup> Century French Carol<br>arr. Charles Wood |
| Nantwich Young Voices | <b>Christmas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Jay Stannard                                               |
|                       | <b>Diamond bright</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Lin Marsh                                                  |
| Choir                 | <b>Past 3 a clock</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | English traditional carol, arr. Charles Wood               |

Handbells

## **Jingle Bells**

### **We three kings**

All

### **In the bleak mid-winter**

Gustav Holst

In the bleak midwinter  
frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
water like a stone.  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter  
long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him  
nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
when he comes to reign.  
In the bleak midwinter  
a stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty  
Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim  
worship night and day,  
A breastful of milk  
and a mangerful of hay;  
Enough for him, whom angels  
fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel  
which adore.

Angels and archangels  
may have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim  
thronged the air;  
But only His mother  
in her maiden bliss  
Worshipped the Beloved  
with a kiss.

What can I give Him,  
poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man  
I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give Him:  
give my heart.

Choirs and Bells

**Every star shall sing a carol**

Sydney Carter arr. John S Benson

**I wonder as I wander**

Appalachian carol, arr. Andrew Mildenhall

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 hearts  
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.

Choir

**Christmas Oratorio – opening Chorus**

J S Bach

Jauchzet, frohlokket! auf, preiset die Tage,  
Rühmet, was heute der Höchste getan!  
Lasset das Zagen, verbannet die Klage,  
Stimmet voll Jauchzen und Fröhlichkeit an!  
Dienet dem Höchsten mit herrlichen Chören,  
Laßt uns den Namen des Herrschers verehren!

*Shout for joy, exult, rise up, glorify the day,  
praise what today the highest has done!  
Abandon hesitation, banish lamentation,  
begin to sing with rejoicing and exaltation!  
Serve the highest with glorious choirs,  
let us honour the name of our ruler!*

**INTERVAL**

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

***The draw for the Christmas Raffle will take place.***

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| All        | <b>God rest you merry, gentlemen</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | English Traditional carol<br>arr. David Willcocks |
|            | <p>God rest you merry, gentlemen,<br/> Let nothing you dismay,<br/> For Jesus Christ our Saviour<br/> Was born upon this day,<br/> To save us all from Satan's power<br/> When we were gone astray:<br/> <i>O tidings of comfort and joy.</i></p> <p>From God our Heav'nly Father<br/> A blessed angel came,<br/> And unto certain shepherds<br/> Brought tidings of the same,<br/> How that in Bethlehem was born<br/> The Son of God by name;<br/> <i>O tidings of comfort and joy.</i></p> <p>Now to the Lord sing praises,<br/> All you within this place,<br/> And with true love and brotherhood<br/> Each other now embrace;<br/> This holy tide of Christmas<br/> All others doth deface:<br/> <i>O tidings of comfort and joy.</i></p> |                                                   |
| Choir      | <b>Coventry Carol</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 16th century English carol, arr. Ben Parry        |
| All        | <b>Good King Wenceslas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <i>Piae Cantiones</i> arr. David Willcocks        |
|            | <p>Good King Wenceslas looked out<br/> on the feast of Stephen,<br/> When the snow lay round about,<br/> deep and crisp and even.<br/> Brightly shone the moon that night,<br/> though the frost was cruel,<br/> When a poor man came in sight,<br/> gathering winter fuel.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                   |
| Low voices | 'Hither page and stand by me,<br>if thou knowst it, telling,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                   |

High voices      Yonder peasant who is he?  
Where and what his dwelling?'  
'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      **Star carol**      John Rutter

Choir      **Sans Day Carol**      Cornish traditional carol, arr. John Rutter

All      **The twelve days of Christmas**      English traditional carol, arr. John Rutter

Choir                      **The Shepherds farewell**                      Hector Berlioz

All                      **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**                      Felix Mendelssohn  
arr. David Willcocks

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

**Honorary Members:** Joy Roberts, Andrew Mildinhal, Jean Atkin

**Music Director:** John Naylor

**Accompanist:** Simon Russell

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Roger Boulton  
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Tarporley Handbell Ringers are a group of people drawn from the band that ring the bells of Tarporley parish church every Sunday. They and a few other musicians get together at Christmas to practice playing carols on handbells that are normally used for change ringing. The group were originally commissioned to perform at Tarporley Baptist church carol service in 2002 and have been going every year since then. They have also performed at Chester Zoo, Wyvale and in Tarporley High Street as part of the Christmas lights Switch-on celebrations. This year Tarporley handbell ringers are very pleased to be joining Nantwich Choral Society in their annual carol concert.

The bells used tonight have been kindly loaned by Andrew Jobson.

## NANTWICH YOUNG VOICES

**Conductor:** Victoria Palethorpe

**Accompanist:** Rita Davies

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Megan Archer   | Helen Marshall     |
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| Elizabeth Luke | Alex Wilson-Davies |
| Emilia Malcolm | Alice Woodfine     |
| Fin Malcolm    | Freddy Woodfine    |

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 eight years. Annual events include our event this evening, thanks to Nantwich Choral Society, joint events with Fodens brass band, the Co-op wind bands, LMT String Sinfonia and Alsager and Sandbach Young Voices. We are also singing this year at the Dorothy Clive Gardens and at the RSPCA at Stapeley Grange.

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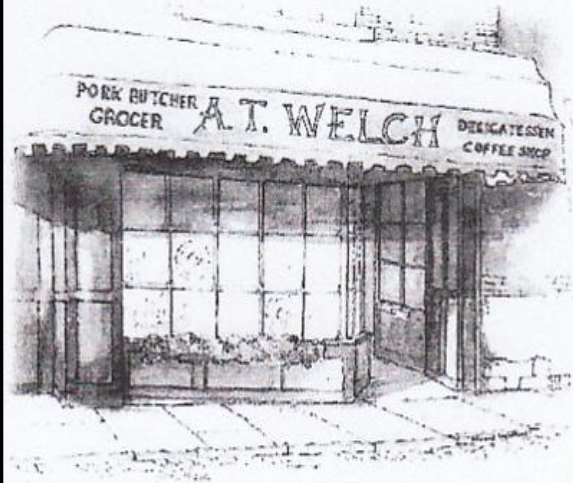
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***Rossini: Petite Messe Solennelle***

Saturday 21 March 2015

St Mary's Nantwich

***Handel: Judas Maccabeus***

Saturday 27 June 2015

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with Oratorio Lüdenscheid and  
The Northern Concordia Orchestra

***Haydn: Harmoniemesse***

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