

Nantwich Choral Society

FAMILY CAROL CONCERT



Conductor: John Naylor
Accompanist: Simon Russell

Nantwich Young Voices
Conductor: Victoria Palethorpe

St Mary's Church, Nantwich
Saturday 19th December 2015 at 6:30 pm

Chairman's Message

On behalf of the Nantwich Choral Society I would like to welcome you to our annual Family Carol Concert. The choir, now in its 43rd season, began its life as an evening class but rapidly took on a life of its own and has become one of the most accomplished and well-regarded choirs in the North West of England. For the last ten years we have been fortunate to have the inspirational John Naylor as our Music Director and we are also blest with a fine accompanist, Simon Russell. In addition, it is a joy tonight to welcome Nantwich Young Voices under their conductor, Victoria Palethorpe. Their fresh voices and enthusiasm always lift our spirits at this busy time of year.

In the spring of next year we will be performing one of the greatest works of the choral repertoire, Bach's *St John Passion*, and I hope that many of you will come to hear this wonderful and moving work, especially as we have secured the internationally-renowned tenor, Rogers Covey-Crump, to sing the key role of the Evangelist. Our 2015-6 season will conclude with Will Todd's *Mass in Blue* and, on a lighter note, some choral arrangements of classic popular songs.

The resources required to put on these concerts are considerable, and we wish to acknowledge our gratitude for the legacies, sponsorships, gifts, grants and donations which help us maintain and develop our musical standards. Recently we have received grants from Cheshire East and Nantwich Town Council. Without the generosity of these bodies and others it would not be possible for our choral society to have the opportunity to take part in concerts of a high standard, using professional soloists and orchestral players as required; and it would not be possible for you, the audience, to listen to great choral works here in the wonderful setting of St Mary's Church.

Tonight, however, it's time to take a break from the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations and listen to some seasonal musical offerings. Some of these are traditional and familiar, some new, but all of them in their different ways are a reminder of the real meaning of a festival that too often feels over-commercialised and pressured. On behalf of the choir I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2016.

Kay Foster

Choir: Sir Christèmas

William Mathias

All: *Once in royal David's City*

H J Gauntlett, arr. A H Mann
and David Willcocks

Once in royal David's City
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

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: **The Angel Gabriel**

Andrew Mildinhal

Nantwich Young Voices:

Lift up your voice - Alleluia

Sally Albrecht

Away in a Manger

arr. Alan Simmons

Choirs: **I saw three ships**

John Rutter

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: **In the bleak mid-winter**

Harold Darke

A maiden most gentle

arr. Andrew Carter

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: **Besançon carol**

arr. Roger Wilkes

Organ prelude and chorale : Wachet auf!

J S Bach

INTERVAL

The draw for the Christmas Raffle will take place.

Choir: **Ding dong, merrily on high** French, arr. Charles Wood

All: God rest you merry, gentlemen English Traditional carol
arr. David Willcocks

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father
A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Choir: **Joys seven** Traditional, arr. Stephen Cleobury

All: Good King Wenceslas Piae Cantiones
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.

Nantwich Young Voices:

Walking in the air

arr. Lin Marsh

Love shone down

Chaz de Whalley and Andy Piercy

Choirs: **Star carol**

John Rutter

Choir: **Jingle Bells**

J. Pierpoint, arr. David Willcocks

All: **The twelve days of Christmas**

Choir: **A New Year carol**

Benjamin Britten

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 th'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 th'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
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NANTWICH YOUNG VOICES

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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 eight years.

Recent events that NYV have been involved in include the Love Music Trust massed celebration 'Singing Together' in the Victoria Hall Hanley, carol-singing for the Railway Children at Crewe Station, singing with the Co-op Wind Bands and at local churches in Nantwich including Market Street and the Methodist Church in Hospital Street, at Richmond Village and Belong Care Village and at Vicars Cross Golf Club in Chester. NYV will be performing as part of the Music for Youth series 2016 in March.



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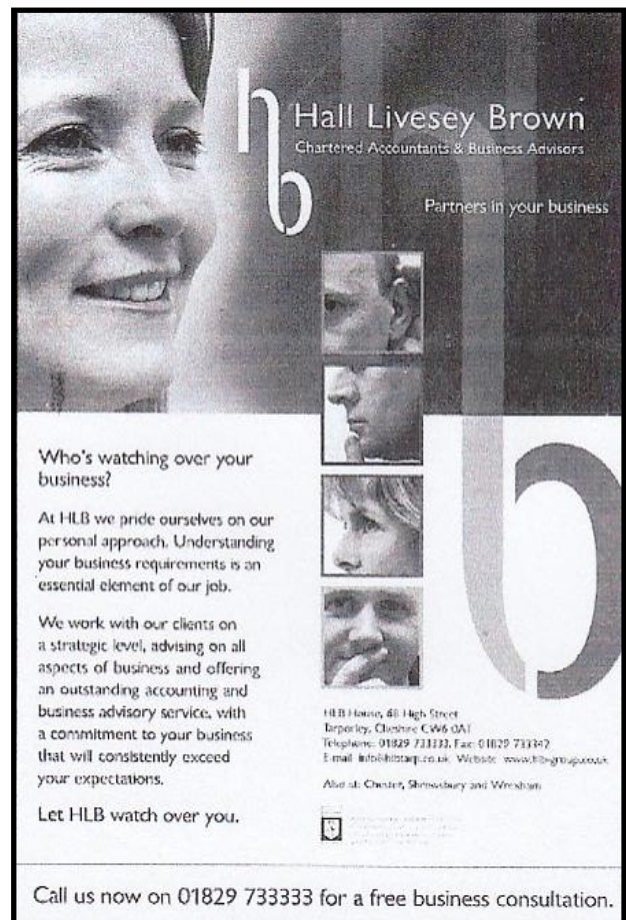
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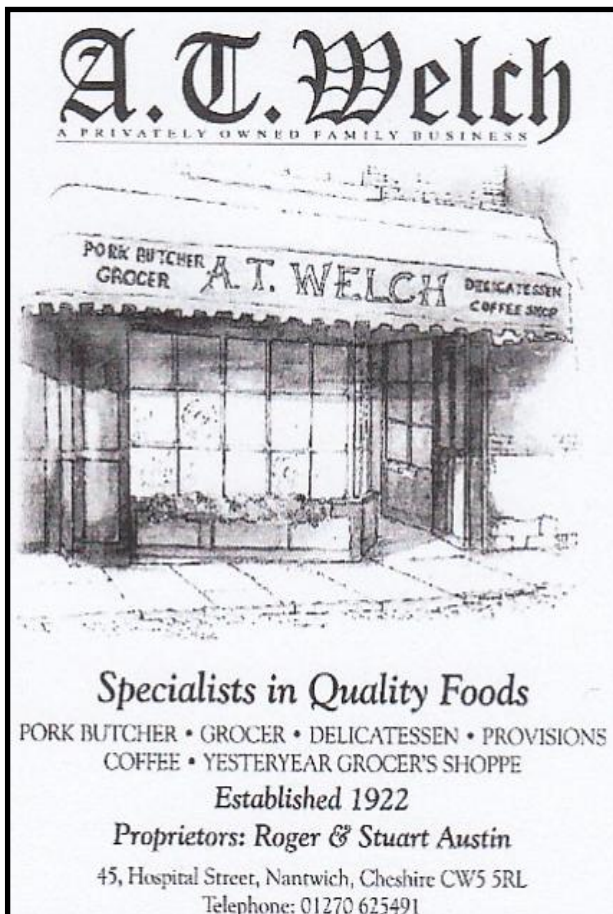
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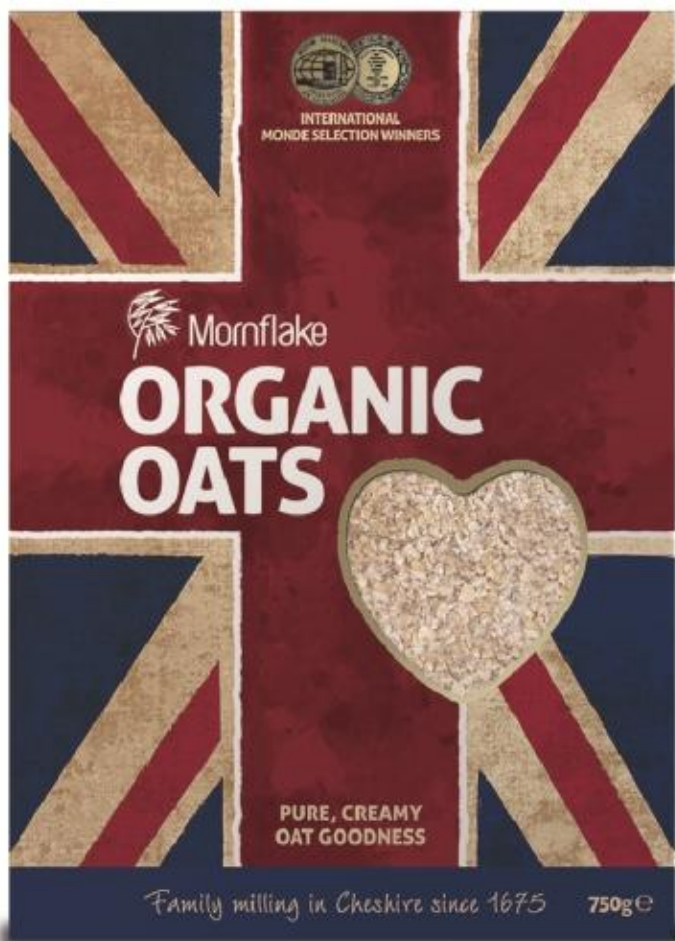
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St Mary's Nantwich

Bach: St John Passion

Evangelist: Rogers Covey-Crump

Please note the change of date:

Saturday 30 April 2016

St Mary's Nantwich

Come and Sing: Haydn's Creation

Saturday 25 June 2016

St Mary's Nantwich

***Will Todd: Mass in Blue
Classic Popular Songs***