

Nantwich Choral Society

# FAMILY CAROL CONCERT



Nantwich Young Voices  
Victoria Palethorpe - Conductor

John Naylor - Conductor  
Simon Russell - Accompanist

St Mary's Church, Nantwich  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019 at 6:30 pm

Merry Christmas to you all and welcome to Nantwich Choral Society's "Family Christmas Concert". It seems no time at all since I was writing this introduction to the programme for last year's Christmas Concert, and yet here we are again celebrating the start of the holiday season in traditional style.

Children have always played an important part in these concerts. Back in the 1990s children were invited up to the front from the audience to take part in renditions of "Away in a Manger", backed up by the ladies of the Choral Society. They were usually encouraged (bribed) by the offer of sweets from a tin held out by the conductor.

Now we have a much more polished performance by the participating children. Once again this year we have Nantwich Young Voices performing with us, providing some items by themselves and joining NCS in some others. Our thanks to Victoria Palethorpe, their conductor, for the hard work undertaken in rehearsing these pieces. It is a pleasure to have them taking part in this concert and we hope we will be able to continue this collaboration for years to come.

As always in these introductions I need to mention our sponsors, Cheshire East Council, Nantwich Town Council and the Harding Trust. Without them and other grants received during the year from various bodies, we couldn't undertake the number and size of concerts which we manage.

And on that note, may I remind you of the Come and Sing Mendelssohn's "Elijah" which takes place on 1st February 2020. If you fancy the idea of singing a big choral work with only 1 day's rehearsing, then this is for you. And then on 21st March the Society performs the massive Bach "B minor Mass".

We look forward to seeing you at both of these events, but in the meantime we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. (Now there's an idea for a Christmas Carol!!)

Adrian Percy  
Chairman

## Programme

Choir	<p>Gaudete</p> <p>Gaudete, Gaudete! Christus est natus Ex Maria Virgine, Gaudete!</p> <p>Tempus ad est gratiae, Hoc quod optabamus; Carmina laetitiae, Devote redamus.</p> <p>Deus homo factus est, Natura mirante; Mundus renovatus est A Christo regnante.</p> <p>Ergo nostra cantio, Psallat iam in lustro; Benedicat Domino: Salus Regi nostro.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">from Piaae Cantiones (1581)</p> <p><i>Rejoice, Rejoice! Christ is born Of the Virgin Mary, Rejoice!</i></p> <p><i>It is now the time of grace That we have wished for Let us sing joyful songs Let us give devotion.</i></p> <p><i>God was made man, And nature marvels; The world was renewed By Christ the King.</i></p> <p><i>Therefore let us all sing, Sing cheerful songs Praise to he Lord: Greetings to our King!</i></p>
All	<p><b>Once in royal David's City</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">H J Gauntlett, arr. A H Mann and D Willcocks</p>
Choir	<p>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.</p>	

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	Candlelight Carol	John Rutter
	Past 3 a clock	English traditional carol, arr. Charles Wood
NYV	New boy born	Carol Ann Duffy / Sasha Johnson Manning
	Love shone down	Trad, arr. V Palethorpe
All	<b>Good King Wenceslas</b>	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.	
Choir + NYV	Every star shall sing a carol	Sydney Carter, arr. John S Benson
Choir	Sir Christèmas	Words anon (c1500), music William Matthias

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

Christmas Oratorio – opening Chorus and closing chorale from Part 1

J S Bach

Jauchzet, frohlocket! 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!*

Ach mein herzliebes Jesulein  
Mach dir ein rein sanft Bettelein  
Zu ruhn in meines Herzes Schrein  
Daß ich nimmer vergessen dein!

*Ah dearest Jesu, Holy child  
Make thee a bed, soft, undefiled  
Within my heart and there recline  
And keep that chamber ever thine.*

All

**O Little town of Bethlehem**

Traditional, arr. R Vaughan Williams

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.

***INTERVAL of 20 minutes during which the winning tickets from our Christmas Raffle will  
be drawn and announced immediately before Part 2 of the concert.  
Refreshments will be served in the Parish Room.***

All	<b>God rest you merry, gentlemen</b>	English Traditional carol arr. David Willcocks
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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.*

NYV	The angels' carol	John Rutter
	Away in a manger	Alan Woods arr. V Palethorpe
Choir	In the bleak midwinter	Harold Darke
Choir + NYV	Star Carol	John Rutter

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

**All                    Joy to the world**

Joy to the World; the Lord is come!  
 Let earth receive her King!  
 Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,  
 And heaven and nature sing,  
     And heaven and nature sing,  
     And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the earth, 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	O holy Night	Adolphe Adam arr. Philip Le Bas
	The Shepherds' Farewell	Hector Berlioz



All	<b>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</b>	Felix Mendelssohn arr. David Willcocks
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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

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

Choir	<b>We wish you a merry Christmas</b>	English traditional carol arr. Arthur Warrell
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***The members of Nantwich Choral Society wish all their  
Friends and Supporters a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas!***

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## NANTWICH YOUNG VOICES

**Conductor:** Victoria Palethorpe

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Nantwich Young Voices is a vibrant and energetic children's choir run by the Love Music Trust, the lead partner in the Cheshire East Music Hub. The choir regularly takes part in competitions and high-profile events in and around the north west and sometimes further afield. NYV is very active locally, performing with other ensembles and at community events. Recently these have involved the annual switching on of the Nantwich lights, a Children in Need Concert in Audlem with the Nantwich Concert Band and a carol concert for Chester Golf Clubs. In March 2019, Nantwich Young Voices hosted the North West Singing Partnership event at Sandbach School for the first time and will travel to Stockport School in March 2020 to participate in the same event. NYV are proud to be the resident choir in the Love Music Trust's annual massed singing event 'Singfest' and will perform at Cheshire College, South and West in March 2020. Nantwich Young Voices rehearse every term time Tuesday in the Main Hall in Malbank School from 4.15 - 5.30pm and would welcome any new members who love singing, performing and having fun and are aged between 6 and 13. We are thrilled to once again be performing alongside the wonderful Nantwich Choral Society!



# **Come and Sing**

## **Mendelssohn's Elijah**

**St Mary's Church, Nantwich**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020**

Rehearsals:	10.30 – 12.30
	14.15 – 16.00
Performance:	18.00

Graham Eccles – Organ

Simon Russell – Conductor

Performer Fee: £15, Audience Tickets £10, Students £5

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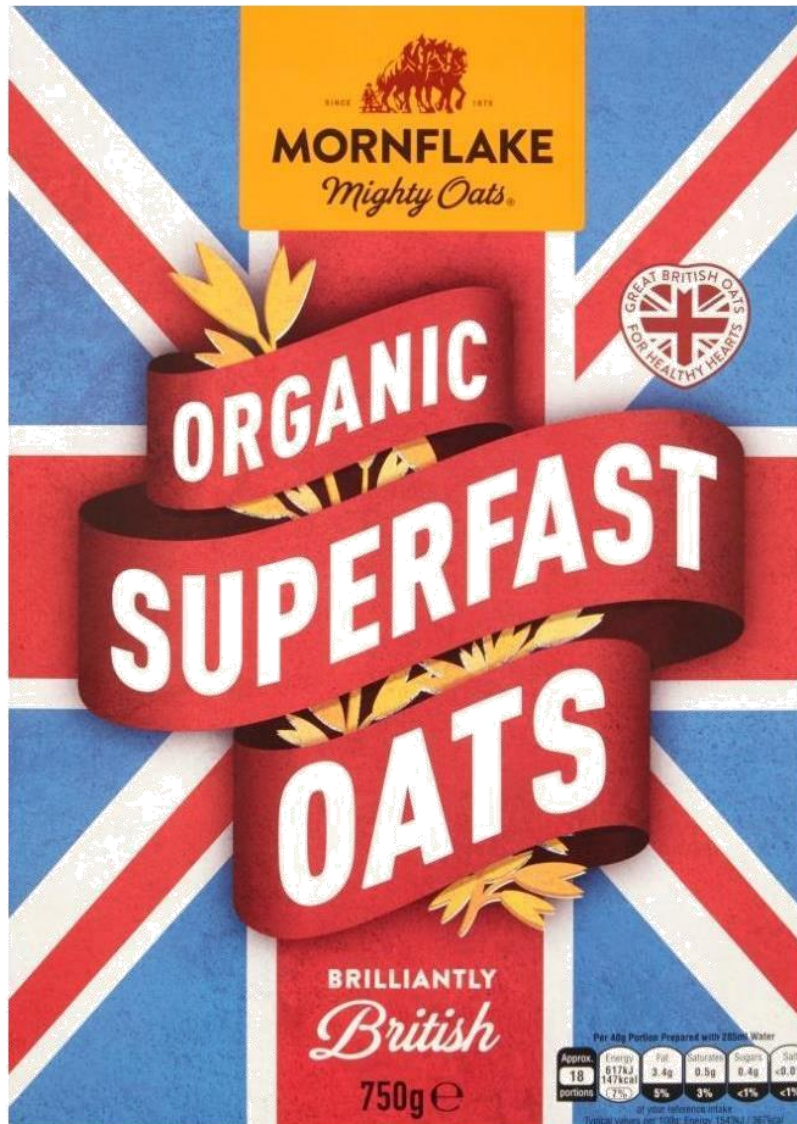
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Saturday 1 February 2020  
St Mary's Church Nantwich  
**Come and Sing**  
**Mendelssohn – *Elijah***

Saturday 21 March 2020, 7.30 pm  
St Mary's Church Nantwich  
**Bach – *Mass in B minor***

Saturday 23 May 2020, 7.30 pm  
St Mary's Church Nantwich  
**Rossini – *Petite Messe Solonelle***

Saturday 6 June 2020, 7.30 pm  
Exchange Visit to Lüdenscheid  
**Rossini – *Petite Messe Solonelle***

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