

Nantwich Choral Society

FAMILY CAROL CONCERT



Nantwich Young Voices

Accompanist - David Mayson

Victoria Palethorpe – Conductor

Simon Russell - Accompanist

John Naylor - Conductor

St Mary's Church, Nantwich

Saturday 18th December 2021 at 6:30 pm

Good evening, and on behalf of Nantwich Choral Society may I give you a very warm welcome to our Christmas carol concert. What better way to get into the spirit of the festive season than by singing traditional Christmas carols, so do please join in with us when invited to do so, let yourself go and enjoy these firm favourites.

We are led as always by our Director of Music John Naylor, and accompanied on the organ and piano by Simon Russell.

We are also delighted to be joined once again by Nantwich Young Voices, led by their conductor Victoria Palethorpe and accompanied by David Mayson. We very much look forward to hearing their contributions to tonight's performance.

Regular supporters of the choir will know that at this Christmas concert we normally have a raffle, which helps the society to raise funds and offset some of our expenses, but this year due to the ongoing covid restrictions we have been unable to organise one in time for tonight, so thank you to all those of you who would normally support this, but please remember us for next year!

Our thanks as ever go to the Nantwich Town Council for their generous financial support, which helps us to stage events such as these, and of course to you our audience for your continued support and attendance. So please sit back and enjoy tonight's performance, and may I on behalf of the choir wish you a very happy Christmas and an enjoyable New Year.

Graham Harbage
Chairman, NCS

Programme

Choir	<p>Gaudete</p> <p>Gaudete, Gaudete! Christus est natus Ex Maria Virgine, Gaudete!</p> <p>Tempus adest 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 the Lord: Greetings to our King!</i></p>
Choir	<p>Once in Royal David's City</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 style="text-align: right;">H J Gauntlett, arr. A H Mann and David Willcocks</p>
All	<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>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.</p>	

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	Once as I remember	17 th C Italian carol, arr. Charles Wood
	What sweeter music	John Rutter
NYV	Shine	Mary Green and Julie Stanley
	I Couldn't Sleep	Charlie Groves
	This Is Bethlehem	Matthew Crossey and Tom Kirkham

All	The first Nowell	English traditional, arr. David Willcocks
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The first Nowell the Angel 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.
 Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
 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.
 Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
 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.
 Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
 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.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
Born is the King of Israel!

Silent Night arr. Roger Wilkes

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

‘To you in David’s town this day
Is born of David’s line
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign:

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
 Appeared a shining throng
 Of angels praising God, who thus
 Addressed their joyful song:

'All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good-will henceforth from heav'n to men
Begin and never cease.'

Choir In the bleak mid-winter Words: Christina Rossetti, music: Harold Darke

Choir, All Angel's Song Words: Charles Causley, music: Andrew Mildinhall

*Glory be to God on high,
and his gifts of love and peace
Glory be to God on high,
to his people never cease.*

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 10 minutes

Choir	Sussex Carol	English Traditional, arr. David Willcocks
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All	God rest you merry, gentlemen	English Traditional, 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	Hooray in a Manger	Jane Carr
	The Reindeer Rock	Sally K Albrecht
	Love Shone Down	Chaz de Whalley and Andy Piercy
Choir	Past 3 o'clock	English traditional, arr. Charles Wood
	O Holy Night	Adolphe Adam, arr. Philip Le Bas
All	Good King Wenceslas	Piae Cantiones, arr. David Willcocks
	<p>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.</p>	
Low voices	<p>Hither, page, and stand by me, If thou know'st it, telling, Yonder peasant who is he? Where and what his dwelling?</p>	
High voices	<p>Sire, he lives a good league hence, Underneath the mountain. Right against the forest fence, By St Agnes' fountain.</p>	
Low voices	<p>Bring me flesh, and bring me wine, Bring me pine logs hither: Thou and I will see him dine, When we bear them thither.</p>	
All	<p>Page and monarch, forth they went, Forth they went together: Through the rude wind's wild lament And the bitter weather.</p>	
High voices	<p>Sire, the night is darker now, And the wind blows stronger; Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no longer.</p>	

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.

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

Choir O little one sweet Old German carol, arr. J S Bach

All	Hark the Herald Angels Sing	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 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

***The members of Nantwich Choral Society wish all their
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NANTWICH YOUNG VOICES

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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 Education hub. The choir is open to children aged 6 - 13 and rehearses every term-time Tuesday at Elim Chapel on Regents Park, London Road Nantwich. We have performed in the past at many and varied local and north west regional events, such as LMT Singfest, the Cheshire Show, the Nantwich Show, the Words and Music Festival and of course, here with Nantwich Choral Society in the beautiful St Mary's Church. We are officially part of the North West Choirs Singing Partnership and are looking forward to performing with lots of other children's choirs based in and around the North-West, next year, at Stockport School on Saturday 19th March. Nantwich Young Voices Choir is delighted to be performing once again with the NCS and we hope you enjoy our festive performances.





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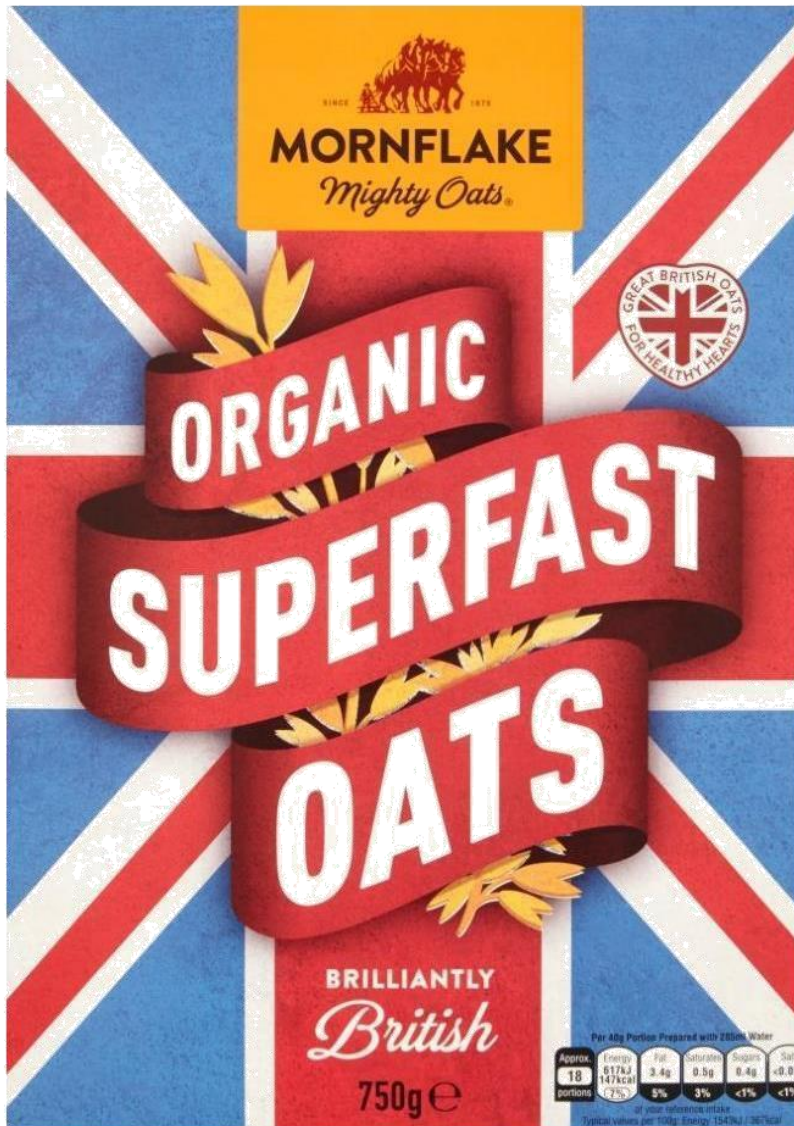
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