

Nantwich Choral Society

FAMILY CAROL CONCERT



Nantwich Young Voices

Victoria Palethorpe - Conductor

David Mayson - Accompanist

John Naylor - Conductor

Simon Russell - Accompanist

St Mary's Church, Nantwich

Saturday 15th December 2018 at 6:30 pm

Good evening, Merry Christmas, and welcome to the Nantwich Choral Society's annual "Family Carol Concert." Once again it is also a pleasure to welcome Nantwich Young Voices, under the direction of their conductor, Victoria Palethorpe.

Last year, the Choral Society instigated a competition to find new Christmas carols. Three of the winning works were performed last year and a fourth, written by Peter Foster, the son of one of our choir members, is to be performed this evening. It is based on the words of the well-known carol, "Past three a Clock" (and no, that is not a spelling mistake).

As always, the concert will be introduced and conducted by our Music Director, John Naylor, and accompanied on the organ and piano by Simon Russell.

Throughout the year we perform a number of concerts and "Singing Days", all of which are expensive to stage, particularly when professional orchestras and soloists are involved. We could not undertake this number of performances without additional financial help, and to that end we are grateful for the sponsorship, grants and regular support received from Cheshire East Council, Nantwich Town Council, the Harding Trust and others who support specific concerts.

And whilst on the subject of fundraising, may I extend a big "thank you" to all of you who have supported the Choral Society by buying raffle tickets for this evening's "Christmas Draw." We ask you to contain your excitement until the end of the interval, at which point the results will be announced.

Many people attend our Christmas Concert who don't normally attend our other concerts. That is not a criticism, but I would like to suggest that if you have an interest in classical music, you give one of our concerts a go. We aim to bring high quality choral music to South Cheshire, and if you have ever had any musical aspirations, possibly whilst at school, you may even be inspired to join us. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings during term time and a warm welcome will be given to new faces. Have a word with any choir member before you leave tonight and they will direct you to someone who can help. Alternatively, check out our web site at www.nantwichchoral.org.uk

I hope you enjoy listening to the concert, and please do sing heartily in the participation carols. Tonight we aim to get the spirit of Christmas off to a good start!

Adrian Percy
Chairman

Programme

Choir	A babe is born	William Mathias
Choir	Once in royal David's city 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.	H J Gauntlett, arr. A H Mann and D. Willcocks
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	Once as I remember Shepherd's pipe carol	17 th -century Italian carol, arr. Charles Wood John Rutter
NYV	Starlight Le sommeil de l'enfant Jesus	Sally Albrecht and Jay Althouse Trad French carol

All	Silent night, holy night!	Franz Gruber
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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
Radiance 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
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Christmas Night	French (1588), arr. John Rutter
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All	While shepherds watched their flocks by night
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While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind);
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.

'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:

The heav'nly Babe you there shall find
 To human view displayed,
 All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
 And in a manger laid.'

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	I wonder as I wander	Appalachian carol arr. John Rutter/Simon Russell
Choir + NYV	Star Carol	John Rutter
Choir	For unto us a Child is born (from <i>Messiah</i>)	George Handel

All	O little town of Bethlehem	Traditional, arr. R Vaughan Williams descant: David Hill
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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 15 mins

The Christmas Raffle 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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All	God rest ye merry, gentlemen	Trad, arr. David Hill
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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 efface:

O tidings of comfort and joy.

NYV	New boy born	Carol Ann Duffy
	One night one moment in Nazareth	Deborah Isitt and Nicholas Ager
Choir	Past 3 a clock (Winner of 4th prize in the NCS 2017 Carol Competition)	Peter Foster
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:	

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 + All 12 days of Christmas English trad carol arr. John Rutter

All	Hark the Herald Angels Sing	Mendelssohn, arr. David Hill
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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 trad, arr. Arthur Warrell



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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 Remembrance concert at Richmond Village and a Children in Need Concert in Audlem with the Nantwich Concert Band. In March 2019, Nantwich Young Voices will host the North West Singing Partnership event at Sandbach School for the first time and will return to sing in the Lyceum in Crewe at the massed primary choirs singing event 'Singfest'. 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 fabulous Nantwich Choral Society!



Come and Sing

Handel's Messiah

St Mary's Church, Nantwich

Saturday 2nd February 2019

Rehearsals:	10.30 – 12.30
	14.15 – 16.00
Performance:	18.00

Soloists from Heritage Opera
Sarah Helsby Hughes – soprano
Serenna Wagner – mezzo soprano
Nicholas Sales – tenor
Matthew Kellett – baritone

Nantwich Sinfonia

John Naylor - Conductor

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

Booking forms for singers participating in this event are available from our website
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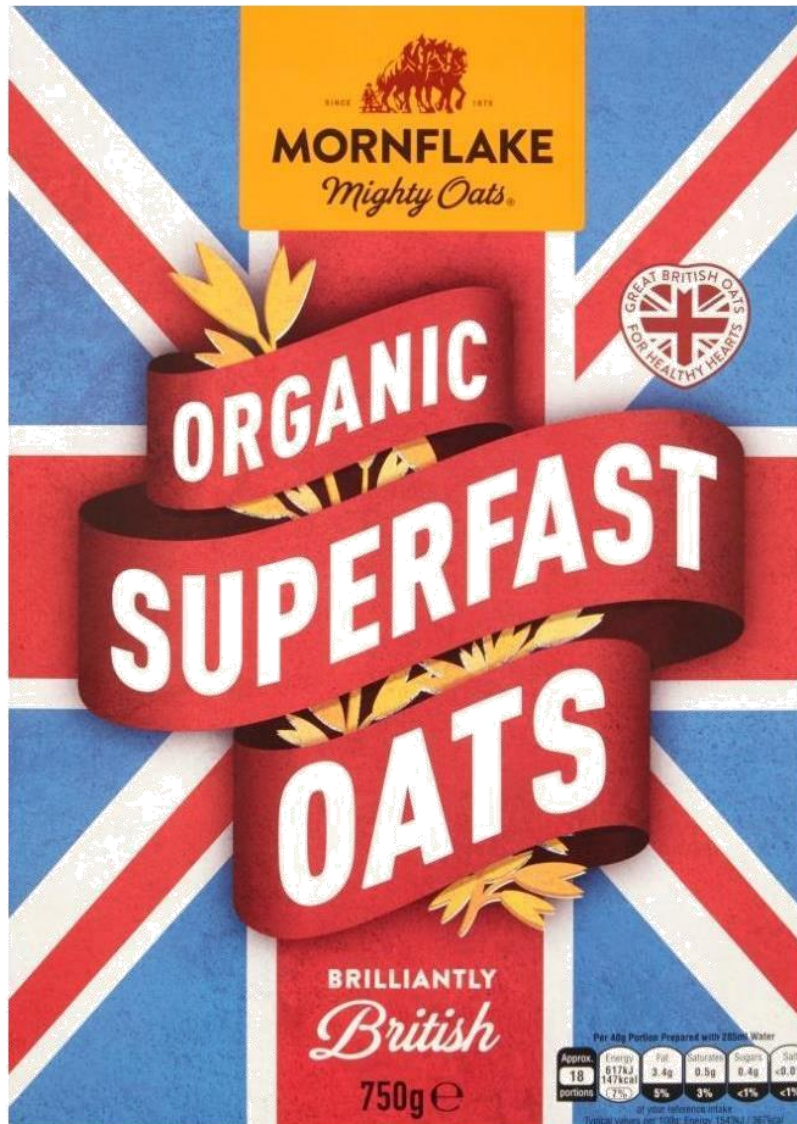
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Messiah

with The Nantwich Sinfonia

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