



WrittleSingers

Registered charity no: 1056334

Musical Director
Christine Gwynn

Soprano

Jane Atkinson, Glyn Buckmaster, Gwendoline Johnstone,
Michèle Marshall, Abby Morton, Bonnie Revell,
Jean Rose, Helen Sismey

Alto

Audrey Cassidy, Sarah Cuff, Erica Jones, Emma Norton,
Sophie Richards

Tenor

Martin Atkinson, Alan Flower, Martin Mason,
Graham Reeve

Bass

Peter Brisley, John Buckmaster, Martin Clarke,
Peter Quintrell, Andrew Taylor



Writtle Singers is a friendly chamber choir with a reputation for high quality, imaginative performances. We rehearse at All Saints' Church, Writtle on Monday evenings. We perform four regular concerts each season as well as touring, CD recording and private engagements. We are always pleased to hear from prospective new members – contact us via email or ring 01708 688572.

Friends of Writtle Singers

We are most grateful to our Friends, listed below, for their continuing support of Writtle Singers.

Pamela Butt, Keith Byatt, Martin Fairhurst,
Alistair Fiddes, Heather Gwynn, Jenny Haxell,
Brian Marsh, Vera Mason, Graham Reeve,
Pamela Rose, Paul Tarrant, Liz Tiplin

For more details of our Friends scheme,
please ring Martin Mason on 01277 657774.

Forthcoming Events from Writtle Singers

Writtle Singers Quiz Evening

Saturday 18th February 2018
in the Writtle Christian Centre

Spring Concert

including

Liszt *Missa Choralis* and Kodály *Laudes Organi*

Saturday 24th March 2018, 7:30pm

Summer Concert

Saturday 7th July 2018, 7:30pm

Both concerts at All Saints' Church, Writtle

Look at our website for more details -
www.writtlesingers.org
where concert tickets can also be purchased

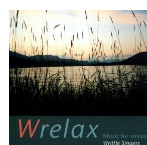


Writtle Singers CDs

Wroving ~ music from our travels

Wrejoice! ~ Christmas music

Wrelax ~ soothing music



All three CDs are available to buy
tonight, price £7 each

Buy 2 or more CDs for only £5 each

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visit our website www.writtlesingers.org

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Writtle Singers on-line:

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Conductor: Christine Gwynn
Organist: Simon Harvey

Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 13th December 2017, 8 pm
All Saints' Church, Writtle



Carols by Candlelight

Welcome...

... to Writtle Singers' 2017 Candlelit Carol Concert!
We are delighted to be joined once again by organist Simon Harvey.

This year being the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we are including a generous helping of Bach's Advent and Christmas music in our concert. The programme also features several songs of praise to Mary, amidst poetry, prose, organ music and a range of English and European carols, both traditional and modern.

During the concert there will be carols for everyone to join in and the words for these will be on the screen at the front. If you would prefer to use a large print version of the words, there are a few available at the door - please just ask.

Seasonal refreshments will be served after the concert and you are warmly invited to partake and enjoy the atmosphere a little longer before setting off into the night. If you'd like to take the Writtle sound home with you (or share it with others - secret Santa solved?), look out for our CDs that will be on sale.

Warmest wishes for a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year!



Acknowledgements

We are grateful once again to the clergy and churchwardens of All Saints, Writtle for allowing us to rehearse and perform in this lovely church.

~ PROGRAMME ~

Gloria

Robert Cowper

from *Isaiah*

Stephen Cottrell

Zion hears the watchmen's voices

from Cantata 140, *Wachet Auf* by J S Bach

OF THE FATHER'S HEART BEGOTTEN

Tune from *Piae Cantiones* 1582, arr David Willcocks

O Simplicitas

Madeleine L'Engle

A Hymn to the Virgin

Benjamin Britten

solo quartet:

Abby Morton, Sophie Richards,
Martin Mason, Andrew Taylor

Adam lay ybounden

Boris Ord

BC:AD

U A Fanthorpe

Organ solo

Chorale Prelude: In Dulci Jubilo

J S Bach

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light

from *Christmas Oratorio* by J S Bach

GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

English traditional, arr. David Willcocks

Infant holy, infant lowly

Polish carol, arr. David Willcocks

A Christmas Carol

G K Chesterton

O little one sweet

Old German tune, harm. J S Bach

SILENT NIGHT

Franz Gruber

Boar's Head Carol

English traditional

from *The Pickwick Papers*

Charles Dickens

Masters in this hall

French traditional, arr. David Willcocks

from *Bethlehem*

Carol Ann Duffy

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

Gustav Holst

Organ solo

Sing Lullaby

John Jordan

Ding dong, merrily on high

16th century French tune, harm. Charles Wood

The blessed son of God

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Christmas Day

Christopher Smart

A spotless rose

Herbert Howells

baritone solo: Peter Quintrell

UNTO US IS BORN A SON

Tune from *Piae Cantiones* 1582, arr David Willcocks

Sir Christèmas

William Mathias

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Please join us after the concert for seasonal refreshments at the back of the church