



# WrittleSingers

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Musical Director  
Christine Gwynn

## Soprano

Jane Atkinson, Lily Hayhurst, Michèle Marshall,  
Sarah Moore, Cathy Pargeter, Catherine Reeve,  
Jean Rose, Helen Sismey, Hilary Walden

## Alto

Audrey Cassidy, Sarah Cuff, Lucy Elwell,  
Sue Hirst, Frances Quintrell, Sophie Richards

## Tenor

Martin Atkinson, Martin Mason

## Bass

Martin Clarke, Steven Clews, Peter Quintrell,  
Andrew Taylor

Writtle Singers is a friendly mixed-voice chamber choir which aims to perform an exciting variety of music to the highest standard and provide enjoyment for both singers and audience. Based in the village of Writtle where we rehearse on Monday evenings in the historic church of All Saints', our members come from all over Essex and beyond. Our repertoire is varied, and recent concerts have included Gabriel Jackson's *To the Field of Stars*, the *Messe Solennelle* by Langlais, and Duruflé's *Requiem*, along with works by composers from Weekes and Wilbye through to contemporaries such as Janet Wheeler, Matthew Harris, Lisa McMaster and Ola Gjeilo.

Why not come and sing with us? We give a warm welcome to new members. For more information, email [info@writtlesingers.org](mailto:info@writtlesingers.org) or ring 07770 884913.



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We are most grateful for the continuing support of our Friends:

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## Forthcoming Events from Writtle Singers

### Open Rehearsal

Exploring music for our Autumn concert *Faire is the heaven*

Monday 16th September 2019

7:30pm for 7:45pm start

### *Faire is the heaven*

Saturday 16th November 2019

Sacred music,  
including works by Ralph Vaughan Williams,  
Charles Wood and William Harris

### Candlelit Christmas Concert

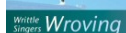
Sunday 8th December 2019

all at All Saints' Church, Writtle

Look at our website for more details - [www.writtlesingers.org](http://www.writtlesingers.org)  
where concert tickets can also be purchased



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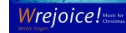
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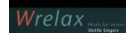
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Conductor: Christine Gwynn

Piano: Birgitta Kenyon

# ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Saturday 6th July 2019

7:30pm

All Saints' Church, Writtle



# ALL CREATURES GREAT & SMALL

a musical menagerie

Welcome to our summer concert, All Creatures Great and Small, a musical menagerie encompassing a host of colourful pieces from the renaissance to brand new! Our avian friends seem to have inspired the largest portion of the programme, perhaps because of their own wonderful range of song, which is celebrated in Janequin's extraordinary *Le chant des oiseaux*.

We are very pleased to welcome Birgitta Kenyon who will be delighting us with a range of piano music as well as joining the choir in Richard Rodney Bennett's *Insect World*, settings of poetry by John Clare, William Oldys and Andrew Marvell. As well as music by Grieg, Chopin, Rimsky-Korsakov and Debussy, Birgitta will be performing one of her own compositions and we shall be singing a work by our friend, Saffron Walden based Janet Wheeler. Janet's *Stevie's Pets* comprises settings of three poems by the idiosyncratic and brilliant Stevie Smith.

Thank you for joining us this evening. We hope you will enjoy the evening and look forward to seeing you again.

Our thanks to the Church Wardens and PCC of All Saints', and to all who have assisted with this event in any way.

~ PART ONE ~

Four Arms, Two Necks  
Thomas Weelkes 1575-1623

Dindirin  
Unknown

Piano solo

Notturmo

Edvard Grieg 1843-1907

Sweet Suffolk Owl  
Thomas Vautor 1592-1619

The Silver Swan  
Dainty Fine Bird  
Orlando Gibbons 1583-1625

Piano solo

Nocturne In C Minor  
Frédéric Chopin 1810-1849

Le Chant des Oiseaux  
Clément Janequin c.1485-1558  
ed. Jeremy Jackman b.1952

Piano solo

Flight of the Bumblebee  
Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov 1844-1908

Sweet Honey-Sucking Bees  
John Wilbye 1574-1638

Piano duet

Kitty Valse from *Dolly Suite*  
Gabriel Fauré 1845-1924

Stevie's Pets  
Three settings of poems by Stevie Smith  
Janet Wheeler b.1957

My Cats

Death of the Dog Belvoir  
Heber

~ INTERVAL ~

Refreshments will be served at the back of the church

~ PART TWO ~

La la la, je ne l'ose dire  
Pierre Certon 1515-1572

Il est bel et bon  
Pierre Passereau 1509-1553

Piano solo

Claire de Lune  
Claude Debussy 1862-1918

Ca' the Yowes  
Trad arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

Can You Feel the Love Tonight  
Elton John b.1947  
arr. Mac Huff

The Insect World  
Richard Rodney Bennett 1936-2012  
The Insect World

The Fly  
Glow-worms  
Clock-a-clay

Piano solo

By Trailing Vines  
Birgitta Kenyon

The Turtle Dove  
Trad arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Yarmouth Fair  
Trad arr. Peter Warlock 1894-1930  
adapted by Cecil Armstrong Gibbs 1889-1960

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