

# making music **WrittleSingers**

Registered charity no: 1056334

Musical Director: **Christine Gwynn**

*Soprano*

Kashi Francis, Michèle Marshall, Sarah Moore,  
Catherine Reeve, Jean Rose, Helen Sismey, Hilary Walden

*Alto*

Audrey Cassidy, Sarah Cuff, Lucy Elwell, Sue Hirst,  
Emma Norton, Eleanor Oldershaw, Sophie Richards

*Tenor*

Alan Flower, Martin Mason, Tim Morgan, Graham Reeve

*Bass*

Peter Brisley, Martin Clarke, Steven Clews,  
John Cockcroft, Andrew Taylor

Writtle Singers is a friendly mixed-voice chamber choir. We aim 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 Weelkes 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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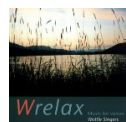
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our Christmas CD

An ideal stocking filler  
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includes *Adam lay ybounden* ~ *Masters in this hall* ~  
*There is no rose* ~ *Sans Day Carol* ~ *Away in a manger* ~  
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*Ding Dong! Merrily on high* ~ *Sussex Carol*



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## *Forthcoming events from Writtle Singers*

### **Open Rehearsal**

**Monday 20th January 2020 7:30pm**

If you have choral singing experience, or perhaps  
play an instrument and would like to air your voice  
for a change, do come and sing, or just listen to,  
music for our Spring Concert *Made in Essex*.

### **Spring Concert - Made in Essex**

**Saturday 4th April 2020**

including music by

Byrd, Tallis, Holst, Wheeler and Bullard

### **Summer Concert**

**Saturday 4th July 2020**

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

## **?? The Writtle Singers' Annual Quiz ??**

**Saturday 29th February 2020 7:15 for 7:30pm**  
at the Writtle Christian Centre next to the church  
Tickets £10 - fish, chicken or vegetarian supper included  
Tables of 8 max, pre-booking essential - for a booking form  
phone/text 07770 884913 or email [sbrisp@talktalk.net](mailto:sbrisp@talktalk.net)

# **WrittleSingers**

Conductor: Christine Gwynn

Organist: Simon Harvey

with **Little 2 Big Voices**

Director: Jane Parker

# **Candlelit Christmas Concert**

**Sunday 8th December  
5:00pm**

**All Saints' Church, Writtle**

Welcome  
to Writtle Singers'

# Candlelit Christmas Concert

We are delighted to be joined once again by organist Simon Harvey and, for the first time, by children's choir Little 2 Big Voices with their director Jane Parker.

During the concert there will be carols for everyone to join in; 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!), look out for our CDs that will be on sale.

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

## Friends of Writtle Singers

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

Jane Atkinson, Martin Atkinson, Glyn Buckmaster,  
John Buckmaster, Pamela Butt, Keith Byatt,  
Alistair Fiddes, Heather Gwynn, Jenny Haxell,  
Brian Marsh, Vera Mason, Graham Reeve,  
Paul Tarrant, Liz Tiplin

## Have you considered becoming a Friend of Writtle Singers?

Benefits of our Friends scheme include:

>>> a free ticket to each of our concerts <<<  
>>> a discount on further tickets <<<  
>>> invitations to social events and workshop <<<  
>>> optional acknowledgement in our programmes <<<

For more details of our Friends scheme,  
please ring John Cockcroft on 07380 221115.

## ~ PROGRAMME ~

Glory to God on high Jeremiah Ingalls

The Angel Gabriel trad. Basque arr. Pettman

There is no rose John Joubert

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

trad. English arr. Vaughan Williams/Armstrong

*Little 2 Big Voices*

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy traditional

The Angels' Carol John Rutter

Candlelight Silent Night Franz Gruber

words and additional music Audrey Snyder

*Organ solo* Power of Life Mons Leidvin Takle

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light J S Bach

When Christ, the Son of Mary trad. Neapolitan

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

trad. English adapted Sullivan/D Willcocks

Away in a manger W J Kirkpatrick arr. D Willcocks

A boy was born Benjamin Britten

El Rorro trad. Mexican

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER Gustav Holst

*Organ solo* God rest ye merry gentlemen Wilbur Held

Infant holy Polish carol arr. D Willcocks

O nata lux Thomas Tallis

*Little 2 Big Voices*

Carol of the Bells M Leontovich arr. P Wilhousky

Somewhere in my memory John Williams arr. Hayes

Walking in the Air from "The Snowman" Howard Blake

'TIS CHRISTMAS TIME traditional

Wintertide Ola Gjeilo

Far away trad. Provençal arr. Bizet, adapted

GOOD KING WENCESLAS

tune from *Piae Cantiones* arr. Reginald Jaques

Hodie Christus natus est Jan Sweelinck

## Little 2 Big Voices

Director: Jane Parker

Assistant: Lucy Dunhill

Anna Brown, Hannah Edgington, Alice Gagola,  
Charlotte Golden, Charlotte Greenwood,  
Nicole Haagman, Keeley Leeder, Anthony Mansfield,  
Catherine Mansfield, Jason Ogbuehi, Grace Parker,  
Noel Stephan, Hannah Steward, Sarah Wilkins

Little 2 Big Voices was formed in September 2015 by singing teacher Jane Parker. Ranging from 6-18 years in age, they meet weekly to work on a wide range of repertoire, which they perform locally in concerts for charity. Over the past few years they have performed at The Cramphorn Theatre, churches all over Essex, charity events, High Chelmer and The Channels. Many of the singers are soloists who have taken singing examinations.

Little 2 Big Voices are delighted to be performing at Writtle Singers' concert tonight.

## Acknowledgements

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

## ~ TRANSLATIONS ~

### El Rorro

1. *A la rururu, little one,  
Sleep now, my little Jesus  
From the elephant  
to the small mosquito,  
Be silent make no noise.*

2. *A la rururu, little one,  
Sleep now, my little Jesus  
O happy night, night of joy,  
Blessed be the sweet  
divine Mary.*

3. *A la rururu, little one,  
Sleep now, my little Jesus  
Heav'nly voices, with their sweet accents,  
Sing the glorious tidings of this birth.*

### O nata lux

O Light born of Light,  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
with loving-kindness deign to  
receive suppliant praise  
and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be  
clothed in flesh  
for the sake of the lost,  
grant us to be members  
of thy blessed body.

### Hodie Christus natus est

Today Christ is born:  
Today the Saviour appeared:  
Today on Earth the Angels sing,  
Archangels rejoice:  
Today the righteous rejoice, saying:  
Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia.

