

making music **WrittleSingers**

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Musical Director:
Christine Gwynn

Soprano

Kashi Francis, Megan Groom, Lily Hayhurst,
Michèle Marshall, Sarah Moore, Catherine Reeve,
Jean Rose, Helen Sismey, Hilary Walden

Alto

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

Tenor

Alan Flower, Martin Mason, Tim Morgan

Bass

Peter Brisley, Martin Clarke, Steven Clews,
John Cockcroft, 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 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 or ring 07770 884913.



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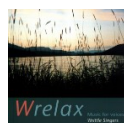
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Candlelit Christmas Concert

Sunday 8th December 2019 5pm

with children's choir

Little 2 Big Voices

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
where concert tickets can also be purchased

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Conductor: Christine Gwynn

Organist: Hilary Punnett

Faire is the heaven

Saturday 16th November 2019

7:30pm

All Saints' Church, Writtle



Faire is the heaven

Welcome to Writtle Singers' autumn concert.

From time to time we are asked to sing for special occasions; during 2019 that has included three weddings and a funeral (yes, we came close...). Tonight's programme features a selection of the wonderful and very varied music that we have sung for these events, interspersed with beautiful anthems and motets from the glorious Anglican tradition of the early 20th century.

We are delighted to be joined for the first time by organist Hilary Punnett from Chelmsford Cathedral and to welcome yet more new voices into Writtle Singers!



Hilary Punnett - organist

Hilary Punnett is Assistant Organist and Director of the Girls' Choir at Chelmsford Cathedral. A native of Canada, Hilary completed her M.Mus. in Organ Performance at McGill University under the tutelage of John Grew and William Porter, and was awarded the W. Douglas Clark Memorial prize and the Douglas Mackey prize for her studies.

After two years at Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, she moved to England, spending two years at Southwell Minster as Organ Scholar, where, in 2012, she was also Director of the Girls' Choir. In 2013 she moved on to become the inaugural Travis Organ Fellow at All Saints' Church, Northampton, where she accompanied the boys, girls and choral scholars in their 7 weekly services. From 2014-2019 Hilary worked at Lincoln Cathedral as Assistant Organist, where she regularly accompanied and conducted the cathedral choir, trained the probationer choristers, and directed the Lincoln Cathedral Consort.

Outside her work at Chelmsford Cathedral, Hilary is an accompanist, singer, teacher, recitalist and choral conductor. She has appeared on several CD recordings both as a singer and organist, including Southwell's acclaimed recording of the Cavaillé-Coll organs in Sées cathedral in 2013. In her spare time, Hilary enjoys sampling interesting cheeses, and being owned by her cat, Poppy.

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We are most grateful for the continuing support of our Friends:
Glyn Buckmaster, John Buckmaster, Pamela Butt,
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~ PROGRAMME ~

For the beauty of the earth John Rutter b.1945

O taste and see Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

Panis Angelicus César Franck 1822-1890

Write thy name Sally DeFord b.1959

The Lord bless you and keep you John Rutter

Reading Tomkins

Like as the hart Herbert Howells 1892-1983

Greater Love John Ireland 1879-1962

Organ solo Allegro giocoso Edward Bairstow 1874-1946
from *Organ Sonata in E flat*

Faire is the heaven William Harris 1883-1973

~ INTERVAL ~

Refreshments will be served at the back of the church

Happy we George Frederick Handel 1685-1759
from *Acis and Galatea*

Treulich Geführt Richard Wagner 1813-1883
from *Lohengrin*

Set me as a seal William Walton 1902-1983

Widmung Robert Schumann 1810-1856

Reading Ambrose

Brother James' Air James Leith MacBeth Bain 1860-1925
arr. Gordon Jacob 1895-1984

I sat down under his shadow Edward Bairstow

Organ solo Claire de lune Louis Vierne 1870-1937

O thou the central orb Charles Wood 1866-1926

~ TRANSLATIONS ~

Panis angelicus St Thomas Aquinas 1225-1274

Panis angelicus
Fit panis hominum;
Dat panis coelicus
Figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum
Pauper, servus et humilis.

*The bread of the angels
becomes the bread of mortals;
the bread of heaven
puts an end to prefigurations.
O wondrous thing!
the poor, the slave and the humble
feed on their Lord.*

Treulich geführt - Bridal Chorus from *Lohengrin* Richard Wagner

Treulich geführt, ziehet dahin,
Wo euch der Segen der Liebe bewahrt!
Siegreicher Mut, Minnegewinn,
eint euch in Treue zum seligsten Paar.

Streiter der Tugend, schreite voran!
Zierde der Jugend, schreite voran!

Rauschen des Festes seid nun entronnen,
Wonne des Herzens sei euch gewonnen!
Duftender Raum, zur Liebe geschmückt,
nehm euch nun auf, dem Glanze entrückt.

Treulich geführt...

In Treue!

Wie Gott euch selig weihte,
zu Freude weihn euch wir.
In Liebesglücks Geleite
denkt lang' der Stunde hier!

*Faithfully led, draw near
to where the blessing of love shall preserve you!
Triumphant courage, the reward of love,
unites you in faith as the happiest of couples!*

*Champion of virtue, step forth!
Jewel of youth, step forth!*

*As the sounds of the wedding feast fade,
may the delights of the heart be yours!
This sweet-smelling room, decked for love,
now takes you in, away from the splendour.*

Faithfully led...

In faithfulness!

*As God blessed you in happiness,
so do we bless you in joy.
Watched over by love's happiness,
may you long remember this hour!*

Widmung (*Dedication*) Friedrich Rückert 1788-1866

Du meine Seele, du mein Herz,
Du meine Wonn', o du mein Schmerz,
Du meine Welt, in der ich lebe,
Mein Himmel du, darein ich schwebe,
O du mein Grab, in das hinab
Ich ewig meinen Kummer gab!
Du bist die Ruh, du bist der Frieden,
Du bist vom Himmel mir beschieden.
Dass du mich liebst, macht mich mir wert,
Dein Blick hat mich vor mir verkärt,
Du hebst mich liebend über mich,
Mein guter Geist, mein bess'res Ich!

*You my soul, you my heart,
You my joy, O you my pain,
You my world in which I live,
You my heaven- where I dwell
O you my grave, in which
I've laid my sorrow forever!
You are repose, you are peace,
You are granted me from heaven.
Because you love me I find my worth,
I see myself transfigured by your glance,
You raise me lovingly above myself,
My good spirit, my better self!*

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