



WrittleSingers

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Alto

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Tenor

Martin Atkinson, Alan Flower, Martin Mason

Bass

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John Cockcroft, 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 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.



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 <<<

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

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

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

Forthcoming Events from Writtle Singers

All Creatures Great and Small

Saturday 6th July 2019

Open Rehearsal

Exploring music for our Autumn concert

Monday 16th September 2019

7:30pm for 7:45pm start

Autumn Concert

Saturday 16th November 2019

Candlelit Christmas Concert

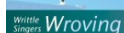
Sunday 8th December 2019

all 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



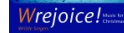
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NIGHT WATCH



Saturday 30th March 2019

7:45pm for 8:15pm start

All Saints' Church, Writtle

NIGHT WATCH

celebrating Earth Hour by candlelight

It's somewhat startling to realise how very recently and profoundly the development of artificial lighting has transformed our relationship with the natural rhythms of daylight and darkness – rhythms that for millennia have informed the daily patterns of human activity, from work to worship.

The original concept of Night Watch was to reflect, in music and words, the ancient services of Vespers and Compline – the monastic offices that mark, respectively, sunset and the coming of darkness.

Some months ago we made the serendipitous discovery that our concert would coincide with Earth Hour 2019, when individuals, communities and cities around the globe dispense with as much electric light as possible during the (local) hour of 8.30-9.30pm. This event, a symbolic commitment to the planet and its conservation, is a sharp reminder of our dependency on artificial lighting and of how far removed our lives have generally become from the natural rhythms of the earth's rotations.

So, fittingly, we shall mark Earth Hour with music evoking the monastic services for the onset of night-time. Between the pieces of music, in the place of the scripture readings and set prayers of the liturgy, is a selection of poetry and prose, mostly by contemporary writers, reflecting on the natural world.

Our thanks to the Church Wardens and PCC of All Saints, to all who have assisted with this event in any way and to you, our audience, for sharing it with us.

WWF's Earth Hour

Starting as a symbolic "lights out" event in Sydney in 2007, WWF's Earth Hour has grown to become the world's largest grassroots movement for the environment. It has been more successful than ever imagined - reaching more than 180 countries and territories in 2018.



While climate change remains a vital issue for the planet, Earth Hour puts the spotlight on the accelerating loss of nature and the threats this poses to us all.

www.earthhour.org

~ PROGRAMME ~

Glory to thee, my God, this night Thomas Tallis c.1505-1585
Evening hymn, first verse: Bishop Thomas Ken 1637-1711

Christe qui lux Plainsong Mode ii
Office hymn for Compline

O lux beata Trinitas Kerry Andrew b.1978
Hymn for Evening Prayer, 7c or 8c. In the style of St Ambrose

O lux beata Trinitas,
et principalis unitas,
iam sol recedit igneus,
infunde lumen cordibus.

Te mane laudum carmine,
te deprecemur vespere:
te nostra supplex gloria
per cuncta laudet saecula.

Deo Patri sit gloria,
eiusque soli Filio,
cum Spiritu Paradito,
et nunc, et in perpetuum.
Amen.

O blessed light, Trinity,
and ruling unity,
now the fiery sun is departing,
pour thy light into our hearts.

Let us praise thee in the morning,
with our songs of praises, and in the evening:
may our glory in prayer
praise you throughout all ages.

Glory be to God the Father,
and to his only Son,
with the Comforter Spirit
both now and for ever.
Amen.

Hive Carol Ann Duffy b.1955
from The Bees

Prayer to Jesus George Oldroyd 1887-1951
Words by Richard Rolle 1300-1349

Darkness and Light Kathleen Jamie b.1962
from Findings

Beati quorum via Charles Villiers Stanford 1852-1924
Psalm 119 v1

Beati quorum via integra est:
Qui ambulant in lege Domini.

Blessed are they whose road is straight:
Who walk in the law of the Lord.

On the road to Lüneburg Horatio Clare b.1973
from Something of his art - walking to Lübeck with J S Bach

Lux Aurumque Eric Whitacre b.1970
Poem by Edward Esch, translated into Latin by Charles Anthony Silverstri

Lux,
calida gravisque pura velut aurum
et canunt angeli mollior
modo natum.

Light,
warm and heavy as pure gold
and the angels sing softly
to the new-born baby.

The Selfish Giant Oscar Wilde 1854-1900

Crown of Roses Peter Tchaikovsky 1840-1893
from Stoddard: Roses and Thorns (1857), translated to Russian; English version by Percy Dearmer.

The Human Bee Carol Ann Duffy
from The Bees

O nata lux Thomas Tallis
Office hymn for Lauds

O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi.
Dignare clemens supplicum
Laudes preces que sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi
Dignatus es pro perditis.
Nos membra confer effici
Tui beari corporis.

O light born of light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world.
mercifully deign to accept
the praises and prayers of your supplicants.

O you who were once deemed to be
hidden in flesh on behalf of the lost,
grant us to be made
members of your blessed body.

Connect2Earth

Connect2Earth is a global campaign designed to spread the message about why nature matters. The hope is to create a movement of people around the world who are speaking up to tackle the dual challenge facing the planet - climate change and the loss of nature.

Nature plays a crucial role in trying to keep climate change in check. However, people have taken more and more from nature, with human activity polluting waterways, filling the oceans with plastic waste and destroying species and habitats.

www.connect2earth.org



Light Kathleen Jamie
from Sightlines

Otche Nash Anton Arensky 1861-1906
The Lord's Prayer

If I could tell you W H Auden 1907-1973

Bogoroditsye Dyevo Sergei Rachmaninov 1873-1943
Ave Maria (Hail Mary)

Bogoroditse Dyévo, ráduisya,
Blagodátnaya Mariye, Gospód s tobóyu.
Blagoslovéná ty v zhenákh,
i blagoslovén plod chryéva tvoeyévó,
yáko Spása rodilá yesí dúsh náshikh.

Rejoice, virgin mother of God,
Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,
for you have borne the Saviour of our souls.

Reflections Horatio Clare
from Something of his art - walking to Lübeck with J S Bach

Surge illuminare Andrew Simpson b.1968
Isaiah 60:1-2

Surge illuminare, Jerusalem:
quia venit lumen tuum
et gloria Domini super te orta est.

Arise, be enlightened, Jerusalem,
for thy light is come,
and the glory of the Lord is upon thee.

Quia ecce tenebrae operient
terram et caligo populos;
super te autem orietur Dominus
et gloria eius in te videbitur.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and a mist the people;
but the Lord shall arise upon thee,
and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

The Woman in the Moon Carol Ann Duffy
from The Bees

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow Thomas Tallis
Evening hymn, last verse: Bishop Thomas Ken

"It seems to me that the natural world is the greatest source of excitement; the greatest source of visual beauty, the greatest source of intellectual interest. It is the greatest source of so much in life that makes life worth living."
Sir David Attenborough