

Musical Director: Christine Gwynn

Soprano

Clare Acheson, Kashi Francis, Sarah Moore, Cathy Pargeter, Jean Rose, Helen Sismey, Ruth Travers, Hilary Walden

Alto

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

Tenoi

Alan Flower, Martin Mason, David Miles, Tim Morgan

Bass

Peter Brisley, Martin Clarke, John Cockcroft, Peter Quintrell, 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.

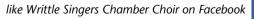
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We give a warm welcome to new members.
For more information, email info@writtlesingers.org or ring
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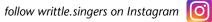


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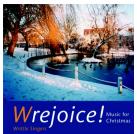


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Forthcoming events from Writtle Singers

Open Rehearsal

Monday 17 January 2022 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.

Lighten our Darkness

Saturday 12 March 2022

Music for Lent and the coming of Spring including works by Tallis, Gibbons, Purcell, Whitlock, Gjeilo, McDowall and Jackson

Summer Concert

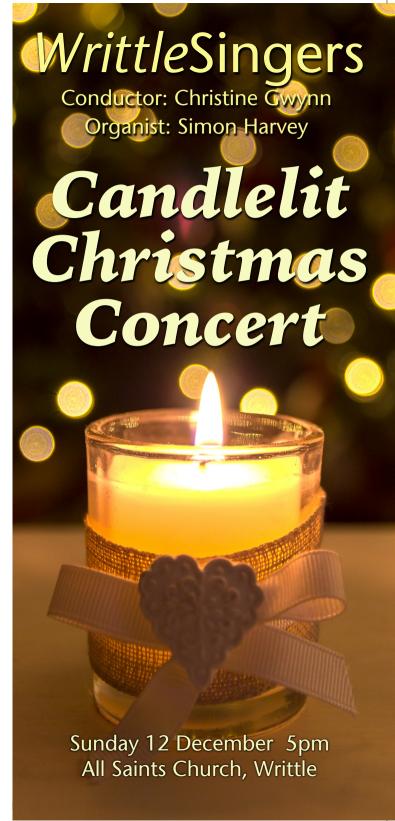
Saturday 2 July 2022

all at All Saints Church, Writtle

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

?? The Writtle Singers' Annual Quiz ??

Saturday 5 February 2022 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



Welcome to Writtle Singers'

Candlelit Christmas Concert

We are delighted to be back in All Saints for our Candlelit Christmas Concert and to be joined once again by organist Simon Harvey.

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: Pamela Butt, Keith Byatt, Alistair Fiddes, Heather Gwynn, Jenny Haxell, Brian Marsh, 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 workshops <<< >>> optional acknowledgement in our programmes <<<

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

~ PROGRAMME ~

The truth from above

trad. English arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

OF THE FATHER'S HEART BEGOTTEN

melody from Piae Cantiones arr. David Willcocks

Zion hears the watchmen's voices J S Bach

Reading BC:AD U A Fanthorpe
Lullay my liking Gustav Holst
Benedicamus Domino Peter Warlock

GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

trad. English arr. David Willcocks

While the shepherds were watching

Cecil Armstrong Gibbs

Organ solo Berceuse from 24 Pièces en Style Libre

Louis Vierne

El Rorro trad. Mexican

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

trad. English adapted Arthur Sullivan/David Willcocks

Dans cette étable trad. French arr. Paul Trepte Where riches is everlastingly Peter Warlock

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER Gustav Holst

Reading A Christmas Carol G K Chesterton

O nata lux Thomas Tallis Surge illuminare Andrew Simpson

Organ solo Paean Philip Moore

UNTO US IS BORN A SON

melody from *Piae Cantiones* arr. David Willcocks

The Infant King Basque Noël arr. David Willcocks

'TIS CHRISTMAS TIME traditional

Wintertide Ola Gjeilo

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Adeste Fideles arr. David Willcocks

A Merry Christmas

trad. West Country arr. Arthur Warrell

~ TRANSLATIONS ~

Benedicamus Domino

- A boy comes forth,
 Eya, this is our time,
 From the womb of a virgin.
 Glory! Praise!
 God is made man and immortal.
- 3. Without the means of a man, Eya, this is our time, He is born of Mary Glory! Praise! God is made man and immortal.
- 2. Without the seed of a man Eya, this is our time, He is born of a virgin. Glory! Praise! God is made man and immortal.
- 4. On this appointed feast, Eya, this is our time, Let us bless the Lord. Glory! Praise! God is made man and immortal.

El Rorro

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

Dans cette étable

In this stable, how delightful Jesus is! How lovable he is in his abasement! All at the same time all the palaces of kings Have nothing comparable to the beauties which I see In this stable.

How well His power appears to-day Despite the infancy to which love has reduced Him. The world redeemed, and all hell overcome Show that at His birth nothing is as feared As His power.

Without knowing him, in his divinity, I see all his majesty appearing. In this child who is born, in his appealing expression, I discover my master and I sense what he is Without knowing him.

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.

Surge illuminare

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

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. Isaiah 60:1-2

Acknowledgements

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