

# making music **WrittleSingers**

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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

*Tenor*

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.

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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## Wrejoice!

our Christmas CD

An ideal stocking filler  
or Secret Santa gift!

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includes *Adam lay ybounden* ~ *Masters in this hall* ~  
*There is no rose* ~ *Sans Day Carol* ~ *Away in a manger* ~  
*The Infant King* ~ *Zither Carol* ~ *O little one sweet* ~  
*Ding Dong! Merrily on high* ~ *Sussex Carol*



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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](http://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](mailto:sbrisp@talktalk.net)

# WrittleSingers

Conductor: Christine Gwynn

Organist: Simon Harvey

# Candlelit Christmas Concert



Sunday 12 December 5pm  
All Saints Church, Writtle

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* Paeon 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

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| 1. A boy comes forth,<br>Eya, this is our time,<br>From the womb of a virgin.<br>Glory! Praise!<br>God is made man and immortal.  | 2. Without the seed of a man<br>Eya, this is our time,<br>He is born of a virgin.<br>Glory! Praise!<br>God is made man and immortal. |
| 3. Without the means of a man,<br>Eya, this is our time,<br>He is born of Mary<br>Glory! Praise!<br>God is made man and immortal. | 4. On this appointed feast,<br>Eya, this is our time,<br>Let us bless the Lord.<br>Glory! Praise!<br>God is made man and immortal.   |

### El Rorro

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| 1. <i>A la rururu, little one,<br/>Sleep now, my little Jesus<br/>From the elephant<br/>to the small mosquito,<br/>Be silent make no noise.</i>               | 2. <i>A la rururu, little one,<br/>Sleep now, my little Jesus<br/>O happy night, night of joy,<br/>Blessed be the sweet<br/>divine Mary.</i> |
| 3. <i>A la rururu, little one,<br/>Sleep now, my little Jesus<br/>Heav'nly voices, with their sweet accents,<br/>Sing the glorious tidings of this birth.</i> |  |

### 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.
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### 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.