

# making music **WrittleSingers**

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Musical Director: **Christine Gwynn**

*Soprano*

Kashi Francis, Sarah Moore,  
Cathy Pargeter, Catherine Reeve, Jean Rose,  
Helen Sismey, Ruth Travers

*Alto*

Audrey Cassidy, Sue Hirst, Emma Norton,  
Ellie Oldershaw, Sophie Richards

*Tenor*

Graham Frankel, David Miles, Tim Morgan

*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 Cecilia McDowall, 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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## Forthcoming events from Writtle Singers

### *Come and Sing...*

Monday 11 July 2022 7:30pm

A chance to sing with us as we explore

Schubert's Mass in G

Scores available to hire for a modest sum (Novello edition)

### *Open Rehearsals*

Mondays 12 & 19 September 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 autumn concert, *A Place in the Sun*.

### *A Place in the Sun*

Sunday 16 October 2022 6:00pm

Showcasing music by a wide variety of female composers and other sidelined voices

### *Candlelit Carol Concert*

Sunday 11 December 2022 5:00pm

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

## Writtle Singers CDs



**Wroving**  
music from our travels



**Wrejoice!**  
Christmas music



**Wrelax**  
soothing music

All three CDs are available to buy tonight, price £7 each

Buy 2 or more CDs for only £5 each

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## *A Summer Garland*

**Saturday 2 July 7:30pm**  
**All Saints Church, Writtle**

# A Summer Garland

A warm welcome to this concert of music for a summer evening, which includes pieces written for the Coronation and Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

Finzi's *White Flowering Days* appeared in a collection of choral songs entitled *A Garland for the Queen*, with contributions from ten contemporary composers and poets in Coronation year, 1953. The collection emulates *The Triumphs of Oriana*, madrigals written in 1601 to honour the first Queen Elizabeth, and *Choral Songs in Honour of Her Majesty Queen Victoria* from 1899.

Britten's opera *Gloriana* was also written to mark the Coronation in 1953, depicting the relationship between Elizabeth I and the Earl of Essex. The premiere was under-rehearsed and not a critical success, but a symphonic suite and the *Choral Dances* which we shall be singing tonight have become popular stand-alone concert pieces.

Bullard's *A Summer Garland* was commissioned and first performed by the Waltham Singers as part of a Queen's Golden Jubilee project entitled *A New Garland for the Queen*. It portrays the varying moods of summer, from buzzing flies to calm evenings, and from May-blossom to fancy dress parades.

Refreshments will be served during the interval at the back of the church. 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. Do also look at the opportunities to sing with us - details of these and other future events are included in this programme.

## 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.

## ~ PROGRAMME ~

Cantate Gloria Alan Bullard b1947

White Flowering Days Gerald Finzi 1901-1956

O Swallow Gustav Holst 1874-1934

Bushes and Briars Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

Choral Dances from *Gloriana* Benjamin Britten 1913-1976  
Time  
Concord  
Time and Concord  
Country Girls  
Rustics and Fishermen  
Final Dance of Homage

READING: *A galaxy far, far away*  
from Shakespeare on Toast by Ben Crystal  
Reader: Lucy Elwell

Shall I compare Nils Lindberg 1933-2022

Sonnet 8 - Music to Hear Janet Wheeler b1957

London Bridge Martin Taylor 1936-2018

## ~ INTERVAL ~

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Evening Song Zoltán Kodály 1882-1967

Psalm 23 Janette Ruocco b1956

Set me as a seal Martin Taylor

READING: *Gloriana - an opera for the Coronation season*  
from Britten: *An extraordinary life* by Christopher Mark

A Summer Garland Alan Bullard

May, Queen of Blossoms  
Rose in June  
Busy Fly  
July Evening  
Summer Queen

## Meet the singers...

...discover a little more about some of our choir members



Audrey Cassidy - alto 2

Joined Writtle Singers: 2008

What was the first record you bought?  
A compilation album called *The Rock Machine Turns You On* - first year at uni, didn't have a record player until then!

Favourite subject at school: Physics

Early bird or night owl? Night owl

Do you play a musical instrument? Viola and others

Dream holiday destination: Sweden

Tea or coffee: Tea

What book are you reading? *The Train to Impossible Places* [by P G Bell]

Favourite Writtle Singers memory: Singing [Horowitz's] *Horroratorio*

Catherine Reeve - soprano 1

Joined Writtle Singers: Spring 2017

Favourite subject at school: Maths

Dream holiday destination: New Zealand (loved going) - Galapagos Islands (would love to go)

How many languages can you speak? Two - English and Spanish (but don't test me!)

Favourite sandwich filling: Beetroot in summer, bacon in winter

What is your Desert Island Disc? Elbow - One Day Like This

Do you play a musical instrument? Piano and flute

Cats or dogs? Depends on my mood and what Molly or Fifi have done!

Favourite Writtle Singers memory: Drinking in The Wheatsheaf after rehearsal



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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, Alma Scott, Gerry Scott,  
Paul Tarrant, Liz Tiplin

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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.