

making music **WrittleSingers**

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Tenor Martin Burchett, Martin Mason, David Miles,
Graham Reeve

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 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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our Christmas CD

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includes *Adam lay ybounden* ~ *Masters in this hall* ~
There is no rose ~ *Sans Day Carol* ~ *Away in a manger* ~
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Ding Dong! Merrily on high ~ *Sussex Carol*



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Forthcoming events from Writtle Singers

Spring Concert

Saturday 25 March 2023

Beethoven - Mass in C

Haydn - Te Deum

Martines - Dixit Dominus

with the Valentine Singers and Jericho Ensemble
St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook, Wanstead

Summer Concert

Saturday 15 July 2023

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 4 February 2023 7:15 for 7:30pm
at the Writtle Christian Centre

Tickets £12

Fish & chip or vegetarian supper included

Tables of 8 max, pre-booking essential

Phone/text 07770 884913

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WrittleSingers

Conductor: Christine Gwynn

Organist: Simon Harvey

Candlelit Christmas Concert



Sunday 11 December 2022 5pm
All Saints Church, Writtle

Welcome to Writtle Singers'

Candlelit Christmas Concert

We are delighted to welcome you to 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 & Paul Tarrant,
Michael & Janet Hewitt, Brian Marsh,
Peter & Frances Quintrell, Graham Reeve,
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Have you considered becoming a Friend of Writtle Singers?

Benefits of our Friends scheme include:

>>> a free ticket to each of our concerts <<<
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For more details of our Friends scheme,
please ring John Cockcroft on 07380 221115.

~ PROGRAMME ~

All this time William Walton

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL
15th century French melody arr. David Willcocks

Adam lay ybounden Boris Ord

Organ solo

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen Johannes Brahms

I sing of a maiden Patrick Hadley

Hevene Quene Kerry Andrew

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
trad. English arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams descant T Armstrong

The Blessed Son of God Ralph Vaughan Williams

Reading

A Christmas Carol G K Chesterton

All my heart this night rejoices Johann Georg Ebeling

O little one sweet Old German tune harm. J S Bach

Reading

The Oxen Thomas Hardy

El Rorro trad. Mexican

SILENT NIGHT Franz Xaver Gruber

Convidando está la noche Juan García de Zéspedes

Organ solo

Von Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her J S Bach
God rest you merry, gentlemen Wilbur Held

Here is the little door Herbert Howells

WE THREE KINGS John Henry Hopkins

Sir Christëmas William Mathias

Reading

from The Father Christmas letter 1941 J R R Tolkien

The Twelve Days of Christmas
trad. English arr. John Rutter

GOOD KING WENCESLAS
Tune from *Piae Cantiones* arr. Reginald Jacques

Célébrons la naissance trad. French arr. Paul Trepte

~ TRANSLATIONS ~

Hevene Quene

Blessed be you, queen of heaven,
you rose up like daybreak
from the dark night.

From you sprang a new sunbeam
which has lit all the world.
My sweet lady, hear my plea
and take pity on me if it be your will.

El Rorro

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

2. *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.*

Convidando está la noche

*The night is inviting us
here with varied music.
To the newborn child
sing tender praises.*

Oh, I'm ablaze, oh
Divine Lord, oh
in the loveliness, oh
of your little eyes, oh!

Oh, how they rain, oh
though they are stars, oh
rays of glory, oh
rays of fire, oh!

Oh, how the glory, oh
of the little manger, oh
is dressed in light; oh
how it shines forth now, oh!

Oh, how his mother, oh
as if in her mirror, oh
gazes at his light, oh
watches him grow, oh!

*Merry and festive,
lovely shepherdesses
sang wonderful new
juguetes for the guaracha.*

In our guarachas, oh
let us acclaim him, oh
while the boy-child, oh
drifts off to sleep, oh!

Peace to all men, oh
is Heaven's gift; oh
So thanks be to God, oh
because we've finished, oh!

Célébrons la naissance

We celebrate the birth
of our Saviour,
Who brings the gentleness
of God the Father.
This child all gentle
in the middle of the night
Is born in a stable
from Mary's womb.

This joyful news
once to the shepherds
By a faithful angel
was announced,
O leave your flocks a-grazing
in a green field,
Come to see your master
and Son of God.

At this celestial voice
all those shepherds,
With a sweet and gentle air
and much rejoicing,
Straightway journeyed,
leaving their flocks,
Arriving together
in Bethlehem in Judea.

A thousand holy, angelic spirits
with the shepherds,
Sang in their music
a child is born for us,
To God by whom we were created
glory in the highest,
And peace be to all men
of goodwill.

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.