

WrittleSingers

Registered charity no: 1056334

Musical Director: Christine Gwynn

Soprano

Eleanor Drinkwater, Rebecca Gell, Rachel Hepburn,
Michèle Marshall, Sarah Moore, Catherine Reeve,
Laura Robertson, Helen Sismey, Ruth Travers,
Louise Whitehead

Alto

Julia Cooper, Lucy Elwell, Sue Hirst, Julia Marsh,
Ellie Oldershaw, Sophie Richards

Tenor

Martin Burchett, Andrew Cripps, Martin Mason,
David Miles

Bass

Peter Brisley, Steven Clews, Simon McKinnon,
Andrew Taylor

Writtle Singers is a chamber choir of some two dozen members. We are fortunate to rehearse and give most of our concerts in the ancient church of All Saints, Writtle. We also enjoy spreading our wings and recently sang evensong in the beautiful church of St Catherine's in the village of East Tilbury.

The choir's programmes are varied: concerts feature standard repertoire such as Stanford Three Motets and Duruflé Requiem alongside the new and unusual – Gabriel Jackson To the Field of Stars, Janet Wheeler Time Becomes a Song and an array of pieces by Kerry Andrew, Kerensa Briggs, Francesca Caccini, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Cecilia McDowall, James MacMillan, Arvo Pärt, Vicente Lusitano and Eric Whitacre.

We are always interested to hear from singers with relevant choral experience and confident sight-reading – and we enjoy cake! Find out more about us at www.wrattlesingers.org.uk or call 07903 904011.

Laurence Lyndon-Jones *organ*

Laurence Lyndon-Jones is a Chelmsford-based musician with a breadth of experience across genres and audiences. He has played the organ live on BBC 1 and BBC Radio 3 as well as at the Festival of European Sacred Music in Schwaebisch Gmuend, the Frauenkirche in Dresden, and the Philharmonie in Berlin. Choirs that Laurence has directed include the Arcadian Singers of Oxford, the Chester Cathedral Nave Choir, and the Chelmsford Cathedral Girls' Choir. As a chamber musician, Laurence appears frequently as a member of the ensemble Eboracum Baroque performing a wide range of repertoire, from a trio version of Vivaldi's Four Seasons to baroque drinking songs and party music. Other musical experiences include appearances at music festivals across Europe both as a big band trombonist and as a singer in Schola Cantorum of Oxford.

WrittleSingers' Summer Concert

Pastime with Good Company

Saturday 6 July 2024 5pm

Love and friendship in song
from madrigals to modern

All Saints Church, Writtle

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forthcoming events - wrattlesingers.org.uk
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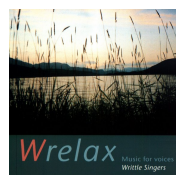


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Christine Gwynn *conductor*

Laurence Lyndon-Jones *organ*

Out of the Darkness



Saturday 23 March 2024 5pm
All Saints Church, Writtle

Out of the Darkness

Donkeys around the land will be on call tomorrow as the Christian Church marks Palm Sunday, Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem, and begins the observance of Holy Week – the dramatic series of events leading to his death on the cross.

The gospel accounts plumb the depths of human emotions and behaviour – betrayal, cowardice, jealousy – but also tell of hope and kindness – the woman who anointed Jesus's feet and the faithful followers at the foot of the cross.

The pieces we have chosen depict and reflect upon these events and will be interspersed with brief verses from St Matthew's gospel, signposting a meditative journey through Holy Week.

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.

Friends of WrittleSingers

We are most grateful for the continuing support of our Friends: Pamela Butt, Keith Byatt, Audrey Cassidy, Martin Clarke, John Cockcroft, Alistair Fiddes, Heather Gwynn, Jenny Haxell & Paul Tarrant, Brian Marsh, Peter & Frances Quintrell, Graham Reeve, Gerry & Alma Scott, Liz Tiplin, Hilary Walden

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- >>> optional acknowledgement in our programmes <<<

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PROGRAMME

Ubi Caritas

Plainsong

Matthew 20:25

Os justi

Anton Bruckner 1824-96

The righteous man utters words of wisdom and justice is always on his lips. The law of God is in his heart, and his steps do not falter.
Psalm 37:30-31

Matthew 20:10,12

Jesus and the Traders

Zoltán Kodály 1882-1967

Organ solo:

O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

Matthew 26:5

The Woman with the Alabaster Box Arvo Pärt b.1935

Organ solo:

Improvisation no.3

Nadia Boulanger 1887-1979

Matthew 26:20

Psalmi Penitentiales

Alan Bullard b.1947

See next page for translations

Organ solo:

Herzlich tut mich verlangen Johannes Brahms 1833-97

Matthew 27:1

The Lamentation

Edward Bairstow 1874-1946

Matthew 27:50,51

Christus factus est

Anton Bruckner

Bearing human likeness he humbled himself, and in obedience accepted even death – death on a cross. Therefore God raised him to the heights and bestowed on him the name above all names.
Philippians 2:8,9

Please join us for refreshments at the back of the church

PSALMI PENITENTIALES

A Lenten sequence based on the Penitential Psalms and Ubi caritas

1. Antiphon: Ubi caritas (i)

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen.

2. Domine, ne in furore tuo arguas me Psalm 6:1-9

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. Have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am weak: O Lord, heal me; for my bones are vexed. My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O Lord, how long? Return, O Lord, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake. For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks? I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears. Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies. Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping. The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer.

3. Antiphon: Ubi caritas (ii)

Where charity and love are, God is there. As we are gathered into one body, beware, lest we be divided in mind. Let evil impulses stop, let controversy cease, and may Christ our God be in our midst. Amen.

4. De profundis Psalm 129 (130)

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee. Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the

voice of my supplications. If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared, O Lord. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning. Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

5. Antiphon: Ubi caritas (iii)

Where charity and love are, God is there. And may we with the saints also, see thy face in glory, O Christ our God: the joy that is immense and good, unto the ages through infinite ages. Amen.

6. Domine, exaudi orationem meam Psalm 101 (102):1-2, 11-12

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee. Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily. My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass. But thou, O Lord, shall endure for ever, and thy remembrance unto all generations.

7. Antiphon: Ubi caritas (iv)

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen.