

*The Chiltern Choir*  
**Christmas  
Spectacular**



Conductor **Michael Cayton**  
Guest Soprano **Holly Brown**

Saturday 10 December 2011  
St Mary's Church  
Rickmansworth



## Welcome from the Chair

A very warm welcome to you all for our Christmas concert. We hope you will enjoy the carols, songs and readings that we have put together for you this evening, and that you will sing lustily with us in the carols that invite audience participation.

Our next concert will be in St Albans Abbey on Saturday March 17th when we will be joining with Harrow Choral Society to sing Bach's magnificent *Mass in B Minor*. There is likely to be a high demand for tickets, so do let a choir member know if you would like us to reserve some for you.

If you would like the opportunity to sing with us for the day, then Saturday 31st March is the date to put in your diary. We will be rehearsing and then performing some of Handel's *Messiah* in Christ Church, Chorleywood, a day that is being run jointly with Chorleywood Choral Society.

I know that all the choir will join with me in thanking you for joining us this evening, and in wishing you a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

**Gillian Pugh** – Chair, Chiltern Choir. [gillian.pugh@gmail.com](mailto:gillian.pugh@gmail.com) 01923 285505



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# Tonight's Programme

## 1. Choir and Audience

### *Once in Royal David's City*

#### ***Solo***

Once in royal David's city,  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her Baby,  
In a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ, her little Child.

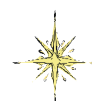
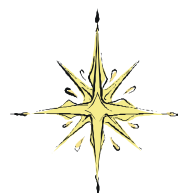
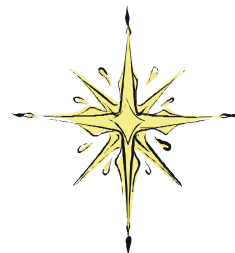
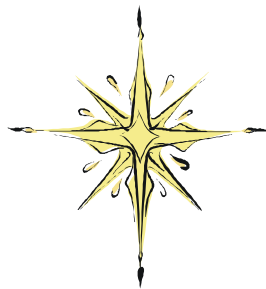
#### ***Choir***

He came down to earth from heaven,  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable,  
And His cradle was a stall:  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

#### ***All***

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
Through his own redeeming love;  
For that Child so dear and gentle,  
Is our Lord in heaven above:  
And he leads his children on,  
To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him; but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high:  
When like stars his children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.



## 2. Choir

### *Just Another Star*

Karl Jenkins and Carol Barratt

3. Reading

***Christmas Tale***

by Jacqueline Ramm

4. Choir and Audience

***It Came Upon the Midnight Clear***

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,  
From heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
To hear the angels sing.



Still through the cloven skies they come,  
With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains,  
They bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.



Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not  
The love-song which they bring;  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
And hear the angels sing.

For lo!, the days are hastening on,  
By prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever-circling years  
Comes round the age of gold  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendours fling,  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing.



5. Choir

***Follow that star***

Peter Gritton

6. Reading

***Song of the Holly***

by William Shakespeare

7. Soprano Solo

***V'adoro Pupille***

George Frideric Handel (from *Giulio Cesare*)

8. Soprano and Choir

***Angels' Carol***

John Rutter

9. Choir and Audience

***God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen***

God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
For Jesus Christ our Saviour  
Was born upon this day,  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r  
When we were gone astray:  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our Heav'nly Father  
A blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name:  
O tidings ...

But when to Bethlehem they came,  
Whereat this Infant lay,  
They found Him in a manger,  
Where oxen feed on hay;



His mother Mary kneeling,  
Unto the Lord did pray:  
O tidings ...

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All others doth efface:  
O tidings ...



10. Choir

***Nativity Carol***

John Rutter

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10. Choir

***Jingle Bells***

J. Pierpont arr. Ralph Allwood

12. Choir

***Santa Claus is Coming to Town***

Haven Gillespie and J. Fred Coot

13. Reading

***'Twas the night before Christmas***

by Clement Clarke Moore

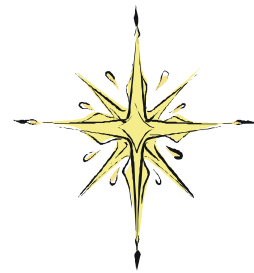
14. Choir and audience

***Hark! the Herald Angels Sing***

Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful, all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With th'angelic host proclaim:  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King.

Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with man to dwell  
Jesus, our Emmanuel  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings





Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King.

15. Choir

***The Twelve Days of Christmas***

16. Reading

***Christmas***

by John Betjeman

17. Choir

***The Christmas Song***

Mel Tormé and Robert Wells

18. Choir

***Silent Night***

Franz Gruber arr. Jonathan Rathbone



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19. Soprano Solo

***Ach, ich fühls***

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (from *Die Zauberflöte*)

20. Choir

***O Holy Night***

Adolphe Adam

21. Choir and Audience

***O Come all ye Faithful***

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him  
Born the King of Angels:  
    O come, let us adore Him,  
    O come, let us adore Him,  
    O come, let us adore Him,  
    Christ the Lord.

God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God,  
Begotten, not created:  
    O come,...

Child, for us sinners  
Poor and in the manger  
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;  
Who would not love thee,  
Loving us so dearly?  
    O come,...

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!  
Glory to God  
In the highest:  
    O come,...



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## **This Evening's Performers**

### **Holly Brown, Soprano...**

...is 16 years old and currently still in full-time education at City of London School for Girls, supported by the Worshipful Company of Founders Music Award. She also attends the Junior Department of Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance as part of their specialist Saturday music programme. She has performed as part of their choir at such venues as Cadogan Hall, the Southbank Centre and LSO St Luke's. With her school's choir she has performed some large-scale works including Mozart's *Requiem*, Handel's *Messiah* and Britten's *Saint Nicholas Cantata*. Holly has performed two consecutive seasons with W11 Opera in leading roles and supplements her singing with instruction on the flute, piano and bassoon.

### **Michael Cayton, Musical Director...**

...began his musical career as a trumpeter in the Grenadier Guards. He went on to study the piano at the Royal College of Music and became the first recipient of the Millennium Organ Scholarship at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Michael is in demand as a choral conductor, accompanist and organist. He has performed at the Royal Festival Hall, Albert Hall and Wigmore Hall and in cathedrals all over the Great Britain and abroad. He has made several broadcasts for BBC radio including a live broadcast for BBC World Service and has appeared on "Songs of Praise".

Michael is Director of Music at St. John's Wood Church in London where he conducts the Church's critically acclaimed professional choir. He is also the Organist at Belsize Square Synagogue and is into his ninth season as Musical Director of the Chiltern Choir. Michael regularly composes responsorial psalms for church use. These are published quarterly by Redemptorist Publications and are used by over a thousand churches and colleges throughout the UK.

### **Ian Shaw, Organist...**

...held an organ scholarship at St John's College Cambridge and a John Stewart of Rannoch Scholarship in Sacred Music and pursued further study at the Sweelinck Conservatorium Amsterdam, as a pupil of Piet Kee, and Goldsmiths College, London. He has been Assistant Organist at Durham Cathedral and Director of Music at St Peter's Eaton Square. Ian has also been a member of the music staff at D'Oyly Carte Opera, Opera North, Northern Ballet Theatre and Scottish Opera, where he was responsible for eleven national tours. Ian was repetiteur for Music Theatre Wales' production of Mark-Anthony

Turnage's *Greek*, which won this year's Theatre UK award for Outstanding Achievement in Opera. Recent compositions include a song cycle for Rebecca Bottone, *A Breath of Nothing*, and a commission for Magdalen College, Oxford. His work has been described as 'redoubtable' by The Scotsman and 'sometimes amusing' by the Dean of Durham.

## **Chiltern Choir Members Singing this Evening**

### **Sopranos**

Jane Anderson	Anne Grove	Margaret Ross
Caroline Bartlett	Jill Haslam	Angela Sedgwick
Marion Bryan	Barbara Johnson	Beverley Small
Mary Bungard	Sue Kesteven	Sarah Warren
Anni Facer	Teresa Oliver	Gillian Westford
Jenny Gorsuch	Patricia Parkes	Anne Wilson
Beverley Grayley	Merriss Ratliff	

### **Altos**

Maggie Benoy	Anne Keyworth	Jill Swainson
Ana De'Ath	Charlotte Kohnhorst	Rhona Taylor
Jill Double	Sylvia Lawman	Brenda Tomsett
Cathrien Dyas	Fiona Lean	Susan Treanor
Rita Fryer	Joan Martin	Jenny West
Philippa Goss	Gillian Pugh	Beryl Whittaker
Helen Heenan		

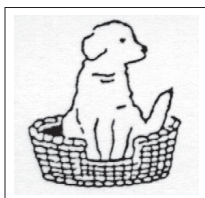
### **Tenors**

Simon Allard	Paul Jenkins	Tony Watts
Mike Currey	Colin Parkes	

### **Basses**

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