



*The Chiltern Choir*



# Songs in the Summer

Conductor: Michael Cayton

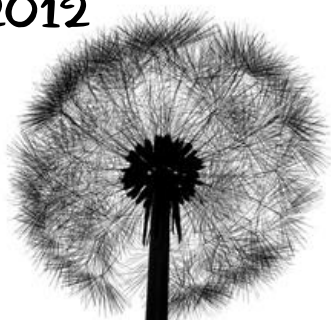
Guest Soloist: David Knight



Saturday 23 June 2012

St Paul's Church,

Chipperfield





# Welcome from the Chair

It is good to be back at St Paul's Chipperfield, a favourite venue for our Summer concerts, and quite a contrast to the grandeur of St Albans Abbey where we last performed. Our programme too is in contrast to the Bach that we sang in March. Tonight we have an interesting combination of part songs and madrigals by Robert Pearsall, Frank Bridge and John Rutter, as well as songs to make you smile – Eric Whitacre's *Animal Crackers* in particular – and some jazz and more popular songs. We also welcome back David Knight, who has sung with us on many occasions, and who will tonight be singing some lovely songs by the English composers Edward Elgar and Roger Quilter.

Next weekend some 50 of us will be singing in Copenhagen with a Danish choir, and on 14th July we will have a stall and will be singing at the Chorleywood Village Day on the Common. Let's hope it has stopped raining by then.

We are already looking forward to our next season's programme: We will be back at St Mary's Rickmansworth for our Autumn concert on Saturday 24th November with works by Howard Goodall, James Whitbourn and Paul Mealor and this year we will be holding our popular carol concert at the Chorleywood Memorial Hall on 8th December at 5.00pm. The Spring concert will include works by Beethoven and Haydn as well an opportunity to hear our very talented accompanist Anna le Hair playing Mozart's *Piano Concerto in A*. Next summer it is jazz again, with a strong African flavour. For further details of these concerts and the rest of next year's programme, please see page 10 (also detailed on our website).

Do please get in touch if you would like to join the choir, and come to our first rehearsal of next term on Tuesday 4th September. And please let us know if you would like to become a patron or go on to our mailing list for details of concerts and social events.

With best wishes for a musical and enjoyable summer

**Gillian Pugh** Chair, Chiltern Choir 01923 285505

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# This Evening's Programme

Choir      **Lay a Garland**  
Robert Lucas Pearsall (1795-1856)

Choir      **Five Part-Songs**  
Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

**Autumn** (words by Percy Bysshe Shelley)

**Music, when Soft Voices Die** (words by Percy Bysshe Shelley)

**Hilli-Ho! Hilli-Ho!** (words by Thomas Moore)

**O Weary Hearts** (words by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

**The Bee** (words by Alfred Lord Tennyson)

Solo      **Is She not Passing Fair?**  
Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Choir      **Birthday Madrigals**  
John Rutter (1945- )

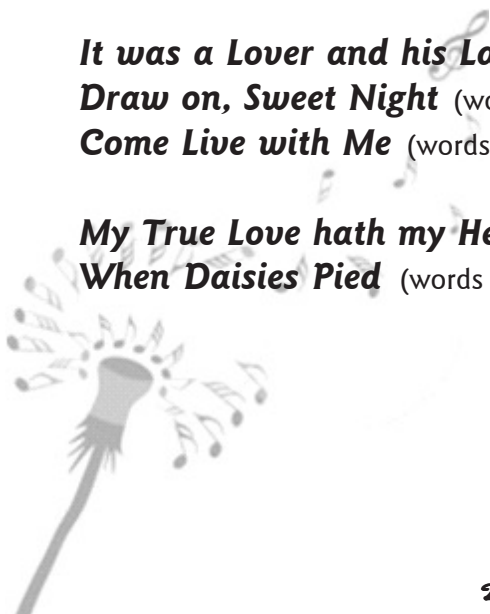
**It was a Lover and his Lass** (words by William Shakespeare)

**Draw on, Sweet Night** (words possibly by John Wilbye)

**Come Live with Me** (words by Christopher Marlowe and  
(attrib. to) Sir Walter Raleigh)

**My True Love hath my Heart** (words by Sir Philip Sidney)

**When Daisies Pied** (words by William Shakespeare (vv 1,2) and  
George Peele (v 3))



## Interval

Choir ***I Got Rhythm***

*George and Ira Gershwin (1898-1937 and 1896-1983)  
arranged by Christopher Clapham*

Choir ***And So it Goes***

*Billy Joel (1949- )  
arranged by Bob Chilcott*

Solo ***Three Shakespeare Songs*** (Opus 6)

*Roger Quilter (1877-1953)*

*1) Come Away, Death*

*2) O Mistress mine*

*3) Blow, blow, thou Winter Wind*

Choir ***Over the Rainbow***

*Harold Arlen (1905-1986), words by E. Y. Harburg  
arranged by Guy Turner*

Choir ***Hallelujah***

*Leonard Cohen (1934- )  
arranged by Roger Emerson*

Piano Duet ***Country Gardens***

*Percy Grainger (1882-1961)*

## Choir ***Animal Crackers***

*Eric Whitacre (1970- ), words by Ogden Nash*

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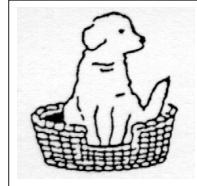
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# This Evening's Performers

## David Knight, Tenor...

...graduated from Surrey University with an honours degree in Music and Business Studies in 1995. In 2008 he decided to dedicate all of his time to music, having spent the previous 13 years balancing an accountancy career and singing professionally.

Since April 2008 David has held a Lay Clerk's position at Westminster Cathedral, London. He also teaches singing at the London Oratory School and continues to study privately with Nicholas Powell. In addition to this, he also performs with Oxford Camerata, Gabrieli Consort and Philharmonia Voices as well as with other professional groups in and around London. He is also in demand as a concert soloist with various Choral Societies in the UK.

Previous solo work has included: Dvorak *Stabat Mater*; Handel *Solomon*; Jonathan in Handel *Saul*; Bach *St. John Passion* in Canterbury Cathedral; Stainer *Crucifixion* for Barry Rose; Mendelssohn's *Elijah*; Rachmaninov *Vespers* for Stephen Layton; Haydn *Creation*; Monteverdi *Vespers of 1610* in London Oratory Church; Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*; Cristiano Serino's *Seven Last Words* from the Cross broadcast live on International TV from the Papal Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, Rome; Jeremy Payton-Jones' *Against Oblivion-Part 2* for Tête-à-Tête Opera Festival and most recently Daniel in Nathan Williamson's new Opera *A Fountain Sealed*.

Future engagements are to include Bach *St John Passion*, Haydn *Creation* and Rossini *Petite Messe Solennelle*.

## Michael Cayton, Conductor...

...has held the Musical Director position of the Chiltern Choir for nine years.

Michael enjoys a busy career as a freelance musician and works with several choirs as guest conductor. Michael is in demand as a choir trainer and gives up many weekends holding workshops for choirs all over the country. As a performer, he is sought after as an organist and accompanist: He works a great deal in London's West End and has a busy schedule as



an organ recitalist. Michael gave his first London concert playing the Royal Festival Hall organ in 1988 and since then has given recitals in Westminster Abbey, St. Martin-in-the-Fields and cathedrals all over the country. To add to all this, Michael holds the position of Director of Music at St. John's Wood Church where he conducts the church's critically acclaimed professional choir.

Michael studied at the Royal College of Music where he was awarded several prizes for conducting and improvisation. Whilst at college he became the first recipient of the Organ Scholarship at the Royal Hospital Chapel in Chelsea. With a background in jazz as well as classical music, Michael is adept at learning to perform in many unusual styles and genres, something that he revels in. Michael can be heard performing German Cabaret, Ladino and Yiddish songs as well as fusion and funk. Michael also composes church music for the publisher Redemptorist and his setting of responsorial psalms are sung in over a thousand churches in the UK every Sunday.



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## Anna Le Hair, Pianist...

...studied at Edinburgh University and the Royal College of Music. She enjoys a busy and varied career as pianist and piano teacher.

Engagements have included recitals, both solo and as chamber musician and accompanist, in many London venues and others around Britain and abroad, where Anna has played many of the best loved concertos. She has recently performed at festivals in Edinburgh and Buxton, where she was nominated for the title of "Performer of the Fringe".

Anna is a member of the Helios Quintet, Pendley Music and the Hemel Haydn trio. She is a Senior House Pianist at the AIMS International Summer School, and is much in demand as an accompanist for singers and instrumentalists. She is a visiting piano teacher at St Albans High School, where she also accompanies for concerts, competitions and exams. As well as being the Chiltern Choir's regular accompanist, Anna also accompanies the Aeolian Singers in Hemel Hempstead. She has recently performed with the City Chamber Choir and Polymnia.

Anna has many forthcoming concerts, which can be viewed on her website, [www.annalehair.co.uk](http://www.annalehair.co.uk).



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## **Singing This Evening**

### **First Sopranos**

Mary Bungard, Lu Chadder, Jill Haslam, Sue Kesteven, Sue Lloyd, Janet Lowndes, Merriss Ratliff, Margaret Ross, Beverley Small, Sarah Warren

### **Second Sopranos**

Susan Denbow, Anni Facer, Jenny Gorsuch, Beverley Grayley, Barbara Johnson, Patricia Parkes, Jan Sharp, Hilary Walmsley, Gillian Watson, Anne Wilson

### **First Altos**

Maggie Benoy, Liz Dobson, Jill Double, Charlotte Kohnhorst, Gillian Pugh, Rhona Taylor, Brenda Tomsett, Jenny West, Beryl Whittaker

### **Second Altos**

Roy Cottrell, Cathrien Dyas, Rita Fryer, Philippa Goss, Helen Heenan, Anne Keyworth, Fiona Lean, Joan Martin, Jill Swainson

### **First Tenors**

Andy Etchells, Paul Jenkins, Isabel Walker

### **Second Tenors**

Simon Allard, Mick Currey, Colin Parkes, Tony Watts

### **First Basses**

Tim Goodwin, Nick Hardey, Bernard McMahon, Martin Robinson, Richard Watson

### **Second Basses**

Steven Frank, Malcolm Gaudie, John Haslam, John King, Stuart Marshall, Bill Sharp

*The Chiltern Choir*  
*Programme for 2012/2013*

**Autumn Concert**

24th November at 7.30pm

St Mary's Rickmansworth

Howard Goodall	<i>Eternal Light - A Requiem</i>
James Whitbourn	<i>Son of God Mass</i>
Paul Mealor	<i>Ubi Caritas</i>

**'Christmas Cheer' Family Concert**

8th December at 5.00pm

Chorleywood Memorial Hall

**Spring Concert**

23rd March at 7.30 pm

The Watford Muse

Beethoven	<i>Mass in C</i>
Mozart	<i>Piano Concerto in A</i> soloist Anna le Hair
Haydn	<i>Te Deum</i>

**Summer Concert**

23rd June at 7.30pm

St Paul's Church, Chipperfield

David Fanshawe	<i>African Sanctus</i>
Bob Chilcott	<i>A Little Jazz Mass</i> <i>Hamba Lulu - 5 African songs</i>

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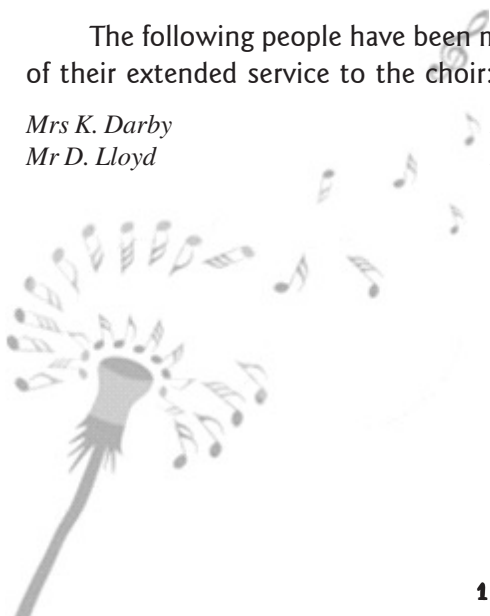
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