

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS CHORAL SOCIETY

Christmas concert 2006

A concert of Christmas choral and
instrumental music with audience carols



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Sunday 10th December

Royal Tunbridge Wells
Choral Society

Conductor: Richard Jenkinson

Introducing the Children of St Barnabas' School

The Mayfield Band

Conductor: Roy Fuller

Narrator

Derek Watmough

Piano accompanist

Anthony Zerpa-Falcon

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6.30pm St Barnabas' Church
Stanley Road (off Camden Road)
Tunbridge Wells TN1 2RH

**Admission by programme:
adults £7, children £3.50**

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The Royal Tunbridge Wells Choral Society is a member of NFMS ("Making Music") and is a Registered Charity No 273310.

For further information about the Society visit our website www.rtwcs.org.uk

Choir and audience

Once in royal David's city
(Arr. Sir David Willcocks)

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heav'n above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.
4. 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.

Choir

Adam lay ybounden (Boris Ord)

Quem pastores laudavere (Arr. John Rutter)



Choir and audience

Hark! the herald angels sing
(Mendelssohn; Arr. Sir David Willcocks)

1. Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born 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 new-born King.
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Off-spring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the God-head see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen 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 new-born King.

Children from St Barnabas' School

Organ solo: Richard Jenkinson



Choir and audience

Silent night! Holy night!
(Franz Gruber)

1. Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin and her child
Holy infant, so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quail at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia.
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.
3. Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams Thy holy face
With the dawn of saving grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Choir

Shepherd's Pipe Carol (John Rutter)

Nativity Carol (John Rutter)

Choir and audience

We three kings
(Traditional)

1. We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.
O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.
2. Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign.
O, star of wonder etc.
3. Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a deity nigh.
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship him, God most high:
O, star of wonder, etc.
4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in a stone-cold tomb.
O, star of wonder, etc.
5. Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice,
Heaven sings alleluya,
Alleluya the earth replies:
O, star of wonder, etc.

Mayfield Band

Conductor: Roy Fuller

Including cornet solo: Julie Scrace

Choir and audience

Unto us is born a Son
(Arr. Sir David Willcocks)

1. *All*

Unto us is born a Son,
King of quires supernal;
See on earth his life begun,
Of lords the Lord eternal, of lords the
Lord eternal.

2. *Ladies*

Christ, from heav'n descending low,
Comes on earth a stranger;
Ox and ass their owner know,
Becradled in the manger, becradled in
the manger.

3. *Men*

This did Herod sore affray,
And grievously bewilder,
So he gave his word to slay,
And slew the little childer, and slew the
little childer.

4. *Ladies*

Of his love and mercy mild
This the Christmas story;
And O that Mary's gentle Child
Might lead us up to glory, might lead us
up to glory!

5. *All*

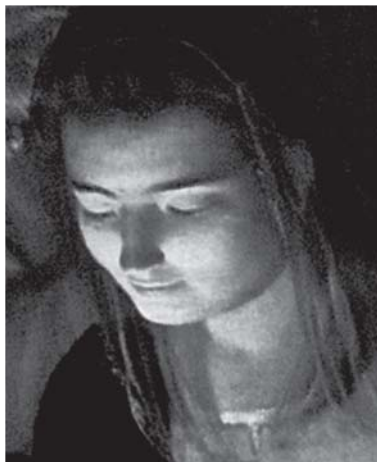
O and A, and A and O,
Cum cantibus in choro,
Let our merry organ go,
Benedicamus Domino, benedicamus
Domino.

Choir and narrator

Brother Heinrich's Christmas (John Rutter)

Narrator: Derek Watmough

Pianist: Anthony Zerpa-Falcon



Choir and audience

O come, all ye faithful
(Arr. Sir David Willcocks)

1. 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!
2. God of God,
Light of light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
O come, etc.
3. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God
In the highest:
O come, etc.
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born on Christmas morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
O come, etc.

Finale

Christmas Medley (Richard Jenkinson)

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year



If you enjoy singing...

... why not come and join us for our next concerts. Rehearsals are held on Mondays at 7.30pm, normally at St John's Church, Tunbridge Wells.

To find out more contact Celia Sumner on 01892 534814 or Helen MacNab on 01892 526434; or visit our website at www.rtwcs.org.uk.

We welcome singers of all levels of experience. Prospective members are not required to audition and can come to several rehearsals before committing to joining.

Forthcoming concerts to be given by the choir

Saturday 24th March 2007

3.30pm at St Mary's Church, Goudhurst

7.00pm at Vale Royal Methodist Church, Vale Road, Tunbridge Wells

John Stainer *The Crucifixion*, Malcolm Williamson *Procession of Palms*.



Sunday 27th May 2007, 7.30pm

Rochester Cathedral

Edward Elgar *The Kingdom*.

With the Bach Choir of the Lutherkirche, Wiesbaden.



Sunday 18th November 2007, 3.00pm

The Assembly Hall, Tunbridge Wells

Joseph Haydn *The Creation*. By special request of Mr Roy Douglas, President of The Royal Tunbridge Wells Choral Society.

