

Wareham Choral Society



Christmas Concert

Saturday 3rd December, 2005
at 7.30pm

Lady St. Mary, Wareham

Programmes £5.00
including refreshment in the Parish Hall afterwards

Our thanks go to Rev. Bill Blakey and the Church of Lady St. Mary for allowing the Wareham Choral Society to use the church for this concert.

It would be appreciated if applause could be reserved until the end of the concert. However you may wish to applaud the Clarinet soloist and the handbell ringers after their items

Thank you.

Funds raised at this concert will support The Wareham Choral Society project to provide staging which could enhance current facilities and provide better visual impact for church and community events.

1. **Choir** **Christmas Cantata** Geoffrey Bush

- ~ *Lullay, Jesu, Lullay*
- ~ *The first good joy that Mary had*
- ~ *When Jesus Christ was four years old*
- ~ *Little Jesus, sweetly sleep*
- ~ *This endris night*
- ~ *I sing of a maiden*
- ~ *By by lullay, thou little tiny child*
- ~ *I saw three ships come sailing in*

2. ~ **Festive Reading** ~

3. **ALL** **Once in Royal David's City**

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| 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. | 4. For he is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us he grew
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness. |
| 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 | 5 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. |
| 3 And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love, and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he. | 6. 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. |

4. **Choir** **Personent Hodie** arr. Holst
 & Chorale **The Infant King** arr Pettman
 This Christmas Night Williamson

5. ~ **Festive Reading** ~

6. **ALL** **Hark! the herald-angels sing**

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| 1. Hark the herald angels sing
Glorify 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 the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem | 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 Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel. |
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*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.

7. **Clarinet Solo** **The Victorian Kitchen Garden Suite** Reade

8. **Choir** Myn Lyking Terry
Nativity Carol Rutter

9. ~ Festive Reading ~

10. **ALL** It came upon the midnight clear

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| <p>1 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 heav'n's all gracious King!
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.</p> <p>2 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.</p> | <p>3 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!</p> <p>4 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</p> |
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11. **Lady St Mary Handbell Ringers**
Leader: Jenny Elmes

12. **Choir** Up! good Christen folk, and listen
Past three a clock arr. Wood

13. ~ Festive Reading ~

14. **Choir** A New Year's Carol
What cheer? Britten
Walton

15. **ALL** 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:
- See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear:
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:
- Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:
Glory to God
In the highest:

16. **Choir** The Boar's Head Carol Traditional

Conductor: Andrew Smetham

Organist: Beverley Manning

Clarinet: Natalie Burton

Natalie Burton began playing the clarinet at the age of seven. She was educated locally at The Purbeck School in Wareham. Whilst there, Natalie won the ABRSM's *Philip.F. Walsh Memorial Prize* for achieving the highest marks nationally at Grade VIII. She continued her studies at Southampton University, graduating with a First Class honours degree and Master of Arts degree with distinction. Natalie teaches at Dumpton School, Knighton House School and The Bournemouth and Poole College. In September of this year, she joined the Wareham Choral Society as their rehearsal accompanist.

The Victorian Kitchen Garden Suite was written as incidental music to the television series of the same name.

The suite is in five movements:

1. *Prelude*
2. *Mists*
3. *Spring*
4. *Exotica*
5. *Summer*

The work was dedicated to the clarinetist, Emma Johnson



The Society's next concert **Fauré – Requiem**

Schubert – German Mass

Saturday 1st April 2006 Lady St Mary, Wareham

Wareham Choral Society rehearses in the United Reformed Church, Wareham on Monday evenings from 7pm to 9pm. We should be delighted to welcome new members in all parts (soprano, contralto, tenor and bass).

For further details contact:-

Mike Lewis (Chairman) - 01202 897231 or

Joan Willis (Secretary) - 01202 671332

Dorset Guild of Singers



Verdi – Requiem

plus premier of new work

'Along the Shore' by Peter Hope

Richard-Dickins & Orchestra of Imperial College, London

Saturday 6th May 2006

Lighthouse Poole

Other events:

8th Dec 2005 - Seaton Music, Seaton Town Hall – Piano & 'cello, Beethoven, Brahms, Chopin and Schumann. Tickets 01297 21025

10th Dec 2005 - Beaminster Singers, St Mary's Beaminster - Carols for Christmas. Tickets 01308 488635

17th Dec 2005 - Weymouth Choral Society, Holy Trinity Weymouth Christmas Concert. Tickets 01305 786945