



**"My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord"**  
**Christmas Concert**

**Aston - Magnificat**  
**Mendelssohn - Christus**  
**Vaughan Williams -**  
**Fantasia on Christmas Carols**  
**Joubert - There is no rose**  
**Haydn - Gloria, Mass No 13**

**Carols for choir and audience**

**Lady St Mary Church, Wareham**  
**Saturday Dec 3rd 2016**  
**7:00 pm**

**WAREHAM CHORAL SOCIETY**  
**"Wareham's Choir since 1947"**  
**Music Director Nigel Groome**  
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## Programme

### Welcome by Lady St Mary Clergy

#### Audience Carol - O Come O Come Emmanuel

**1 Soloist only**

*O come, O come, Emmanuel!  
Redeem thy captive Israel  
That into exile drear is gone  
Far from the face of God's dear Son.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall  
come to thee, O Israel!*

**2 Soloists only**

*O come, Thou branch of Jesse,  
draw  
The quarry from the lion's claw;  
From the dread caverns of the  
grave,  
From nether hell thy people save.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall  
come to thee, O Israel!*

**3 Choir only**

*O come, O come, thou Dayspring  
bright!  
Pour on our souls thy healing light;  
Dispel the long night's lingering  
gloom  
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall  
come to thee, O Israel*

**4 Choir only**

*O come, thou lord of David's Key!  
The royal door fling wide and free;  
Safeguard for us the heavenward  
road,  
And bar the way to death's abode.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall  
come to thee, O Israel*

**5 Choir and Audience**

*O come, O come, Adonai  
Who, in thy glorious majesty,  
From that high mountain clothed with awe  
Gavest thy folk the elder law.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel*

**Choir – Gloria from Mass No 13 in C - Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)**

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
et in terra pax hominibus bonae  
voluntatis,  
Laudamus te, adoramus te,  
glorificamus te,  
Dominus Deus, Rex coelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens,  
Domini Fili unigenite, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris, Miserere nobi.*

*Quoniam tu solus sanctus, solus  
Dominus, solus altissimus, Jesu  
Christe, solus sanctus, solus  
Dominus cum sancto spiritu in  
Gloria Dei Patris. Amen*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of  
good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Only begotten Son of God, Lamb  
of God, Son of the Father, have  
mercy on us;  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone  
are the Most High, Jesus Christ  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory  
of God the Father. Amen.

**Festive Reading**

**Choir – Myn Lyking**

**Choir – A Virgin Most Pure**

**Soprano Solo (Francesca Pringle) – Ave Maria (Meditation de Thais) – Jules Massenet (1842-1912)**

**Audience Carol - O Little Town of Bethlehem**

<p><b>1</b> <i>O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.</i></p>	<p><b>2</b> <i>O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth. For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.</i></p>
<p><b>3</b> <i>How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav'n. No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him, still The dear Christ enters in.</i></p>	<p><b>4</b> <i>O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us to-day. We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell; Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!</i></p>

**Choir – There is No Rose of Such Virtue - John Joubert (b1927)**

**Choir - Magnificat - Peter Aston (1938 – 2013)**

**Interval** (Refreshments will be served)

**Choir – Christus (excerpt) - Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)**

**Festive Reading**

**Trumpet Solo (Reuben Bennett) - Polonaise - Joseph Kuffner (1776 –1856)**

**Audience Carol - Unto Us is Born a Son**

<p><b>1</b> <i>Unto us is born a Son, King of quires supernal: Se on earth his life begun, Of lords the Lord eternal, Of lords the Lord eternal.</i></p>	<p><b>2 (Ladies only)</b> <i>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.</i></p>
<p><b>3 (Men only)</b> <i>This did Herod sore affray, And grievously bewilder,</i></p>	<p><b>4</b> <i>Of his love and mercy mild This the Christmas story;</i></p>

<p><i>So he have the word to slay, And slew the little childer, And slew the little childer.</i></p>	<p><i>And O that Mary's gentle child Might lead us up to glory, Might lead us up to glory!</i></p>
<p><b>5</b> <i>O an A, and A and O, Cum cantibus in choro Let our merry organ go Benedicamus Domino, Benedicamus Domino.</i></p>	

**Choir & Baritone Solo (Matthew Graham) – Fantasia on Christmas Carols  
- Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 -1958)**

**Tenor Solo (Stephen Mills) - Ave Maria, Dulce Maria - Tomaso Benvenuti (1838 -1906)**

***Audience Carol – O Come All Ye Faithful***

<p><b>1</b> <i>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!</i></p>	<p><b>2</b> <i>God of God. Light of Light, Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb; Very God, Begotten not created: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!</i></p>
<p><b>3</b> <i>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, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!</i></p>	<p><b>4</b> <i>Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above; Glory to God In the Highest. O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!</i></p>

**Closing Remarks by Judith Price, Chairman WCS**

**Our thanks to accompanist John Radford, our guest soloists Francesca Pringle (soprano), Stephen Mills (tenor), Matthew Graham (baritone) and Reuben Bennett (trumpet). Thanks again to Lady St. Mary Church for allowing us to perform here.**

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