

Tonight's performers

Mary Offer our former apprentice conductor, gained a BA (Hons) in Music from Cambridge and is currently studying MMus Composition at the Royal Academy of Music.

Catherine Anderson is director of music at St Mary's Church, Timaru. Before moving to New Zealand she was director of music at St Mary's, Cuddington..

SOPRANO

Caroline Burgess
Barbara Collignon *
Isobel Cooke
Shirley Davenport
Helen Marsden
Jill Mills
Christina Sage
Claire Yates

* Reader

ALTO

Elizabeth Cohen
Mary Egan
Saskia Harris
Lisa Pledger
Maddy Stannard
Delia Steven
Kate Tanner
TENOR
Martin Harris *
Nick Harris

Richard McGregor-Johnson *

Mark Stollery *

Howard Thomson

BASS

Michael Boxall
Michael Collon
George Engelhardt
Graham King
Cameron Marshall
Nyren Scott-Malden



**7pm Sunday
7th January 2024**

**All Saints Church
Weston Green
Esher KT10 8JL**

Upcoming concerts

**Saturday
16 March 7:30**

EVERLASTING LIGHT

Music from across the ages reflecting a focus on things eternal.
St Mary the Virgin, London Road, Ewell KT17 2AY
Note the new venue for this concert!

**Saturday
22 June 7:30**

WATER NIGHT

Music with themes of rivers, tears, and darkness, by an eclectic range of composers.
All Saints, Weston Green, Esher, KT10 8JL

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conductor
Mary Offer
organist
Catherine Anderson

There will be a retiring collection in aid of church funds.

PROGRAMME

Introduction

Organ prelude on Herbert Sumsion
'The Holly and the Ivy'
Creator of the stars of night Plainsong
Es ist ein Ros entsprungen Melchior Vulpius

The Birth of Jesus

Gaudete Christus est natus Piae Cantiones pub 1582
Make we joy now in this fest William Walton
Reading: Noel J.R.R. Tolkein
Sing Lullaby Herbert Howells
All: Once in Royal David's City Gauntlett arr Willcocks

The Virgin Mary

There is no rose John Joubert
O magnum mysterium Morton Lauridsen
Reading: The Christmas Truce Carol Ann Duffy
Stille Nacht Gruber arr Mohr
Bogoroditse Devo Sergei Rachmaninov

Shepherds, awe and wonder

All: In the bleak midwinter Gustav Holst
Reading: Luke 2: 8-14
Prince of Peace Mary Offer
The Angel Gabriel Traditional Basque carol

The New Year

All: The First Nowell English traditional arr Willcocks
Reading: The twelve days of John Julius Norwich
Christmas – a correspondence
The twelve days of Christmas Traditional arr Thiman



*The audience is warmly invited to join in the carols which
are on the next page*

Audience carols

Once in royal David's city

Verse 1 is sung by the choir

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 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.

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.

Verse 1 is sung by the choir

2 They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

Chorus
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel

In the bleak midwinter

1 In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.

2 Our God, heaven cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty –
Jesus Christ.

3 What can I give Him,
Poor as I am? –
If I were a Shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man
I would do my part, –
Yet what I can I give Him, –
Give my heart.

The first nowell

3 And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Chorus

4 Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heavn and earth of nought
And with his blood mankind hath bought.
Chorus